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Woman helps over kill husband

By Sayed Othman

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court yesterday sentenced a man and a woman to death for murdering the woman's husband. The court was told that the man, who is the cousin of the woman and with whom he was in love, entered her bedroom and stabbed her husband to death while he was asleep.

The court was further told that the woman who had been married to the victim for only six months, helped the assailant enter the house.

After committing the murder, the accused tied up his accomplice to make it look like she was not involved in the murder.

The next morning the murder was discovered by the victim's family as he failed to join them for breakfast as he normally did.

Police investigators who arrived at the scene of the murder found no traces of violence or damage to indicate a break-in and were inclined to believe that the intruder had the help of someone living in the house.

During further investigations and interrogations, the wife broke down and confessed to having arranged with her lover the murder of her husband.

UAE blamed for alleged kidnap

BEIRUT, Nov 20, (Reuters): A coalition of Muslim clerics said today it held the United Arab Emirates (UAE) responsible for the alleged abduction of a senior Shiite Muslim clergyman.

"We hold the UAE responsible for the arrest of this honorable scholar and for his survival," the scholars of Hijaz Gathering said in a statement.

Lebanese Shiite Muslim religious sources said Sheikh Abdullah Al Ghurairi, head of the Jaafari Waqf in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, was seized on Tuesday.

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3 tankers revert to Kuwaiti flag

By Jadranka Porter

THREE Kuwaiti tankers that were until recently under Liberian registry are now flying the Kuwaiti flag, according to a Kuwait Oil Tanker Co. (KOTC) source.

Another three Liberian-registered Kuwaiti tankers will revert to the national flag before the end of this month, the source said.

He also said that KOTC has not changed its position on any of the other reflagged tankers.

Renew

KOTC chartered three vessels from the Soviet Union last year. Asked whether Kuwait will renew its agreement with the Soviets which expires next May, the source said: "We'll have to see."

Diplomats in Kuwait have speculated that Kuwait's agreement with the Soviets and the reflagging arrangement with the US may come to an end at about the same time.

The source said that KOTC ordered six product carriers from Samsung Heavy Industries, a South Korean shipbuilding company. One of them, the 35,000-ton Al Kuwaitiah was delivered last September.

Another three 35,000-ton vessels and two 120,000-ton tankers will go into service between mid-December and March next year, the source said.

Iran will stage naval exercise

NICOSIA, Nov 20, (Reuters): The Iranian Navy will stage manoeuvres in the Gulf and Gulf of Oman next month, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported today.

IRNA said the Navy's commander, Rear Admiral Hussein Malekzadeh, met President Ali Khamenei to brief him on the manoeuvres.

It said he outlined the Navy's "progress towards self-sufficiency in several fields, including reconnaissance and patrol missions."

Efforts to form a government

Pakistani President calls political leaders for talks

ISLAMABAD, Nov 20, (Agencies): Pakistani President Ghulam Ishaq Khan today invited Benazir Bhutto and her main rival Nawaz Sharif for talks on forming a government after last week's indecisive elections.

Justice Minister Wasim Sajjad said in a statement the President would see them separately on Tuesday "on questions relating to formation of the future government."

Wednesday's poll failed to produce an outright winner and both Benazir and Sharif claimed the right to form a government.

Under the constitution the president has to nominate a political leader he thinks can win the support of a majority in the National Assembly.

Majority

Benazir's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) won 98 seats, 11 short of the 109 needed for an overall majority. Sharif's Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA) won 57, and independents and small parties 60. Two by-elections are pending.

Sajjad said that on Wednesday Ishaq Khan would talk to Altaf Hussain, leader of the Karachi-based Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM) which wields considerable political influence after winning 13 assembly seats, on Wednesday.

PPP sources said Benazir planned to meet Hussain tomorrow. Arab Times Urdu editor Ashraf Shad reported from Karachi that the President has also invited Awami National



Benazir

Party (ANP) leader Khan Abdul Wali Khan and Jamiat Ulema-Islam chief Fazlur Rahman for talks.

Wali Khan will meet Ishaq Khan on Thursday.

Benazir is scheduled to leave Karachi for Islamabad tomorrow.

Confident

Benazir, informed of the statement in a telephone call by Reuters to her Karachi home, said "I will think about this."

She said earlier today she was confident she would form the next government.

"Whether it is today, tomorrow or the day after that the call comes, that's fine as far as I am concerned because we have the members with us and it's a matter of mathematics," she said referring to her members of Parliament.

"I am very confident there is



Nawaz Sharif

no other choice," she told a news conference.

Benazir, aiming to become the Muslim world's first woman prime minister, said Parliament would "break up" if she were asked to sit in opposition. She did not elaborate.

Information Minister Ellahi Bakhsh Soomro, announcing his resignation to reporters, said he believed the President would wait until the new assembly met, before making his choice.

Weaken

"I should say it would take another 10 to 15 days for the house to meet," he said. "That would be the right time for the president to assess the strength of the parties."

The PPP suffered a setback in provincial elections yesterday, seeing its share of seats slip to 42 per cent from the 45 it won in Wednesday's National Assem-

blly elections.

The results in the provincial voting could weaken her hand in the bargaining for support from other factions that Benazir needs to secure a majority in the National Assembly.

In Punjab, the country's biggest province, the IDA led by Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif won more seats than the PPP.

The IDA led the PPP 108-94 for the 240-seat Punjab assembly. Independents and small parties won the others.

But Benazir was strengthened by the PPP's control of Sindh, where it won 67 of the 100 provincial assembly seats. MQM got 31 seats, while IDA won only one. Most mohajirs, Muslims who migrated from other parts of former British India at partition in 1947, live in Sindh.

In North-West Frontier Province IDA won 29 seats, while PPP bagged 20 and independents 15.

In Baluchistan also IDA was ahead of PPP with nine seats. PPP had four. The Baluchistan

National Alliance (BNA) and Jamiat Ulema-Islam (JUI, Fazal) won eight seats each.

The 483 provincial assembly deputies play a role in electing the Senate, the upper house of Parliament, and join National Assembly members and the senators in forming an electoral college to choose the President.

But Benazir said the provincial results had reflected the "sweep of the party" nationally and were a repudiation of her political opponents.

She said the PPP planned to form the local government in the biggest province Punjab with the support of independent members despite a defeat by the IDA in the provincial elections.

IDA spokesman Murtaza Pooya acknowledged the PPP was "in a more comfortable position than we are" to obtain a parliamentary majority in the National Assembly.

"The IDA high command is supposed to meet in the next few days to decide whether to go

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Party positions in provincial assemblies

	Punjab	NWFP	Baluchistan	Sindh
Pakistan People's Party (PPP)	94	20	4	67
Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA)	108	29	9	31
Mohajir Qaumi Movement (MQM)	—	—	2	—
Pakistan National Party (PNP)	—	—	—	—
Pakistan Awami (Islamic) Party (PAI)	2	—	—	—
Awami National Party (ANP)	—	12	1	—
Baluchistan National Alliance (BNA)	—	—	8	—
National People's Party (NPP)	—	—	—	—
Pakistan Democratic Party (PDP)	—	—	—	—
Jamiat Ulema-Islam (JUI)	—	2	8	—
Punjab Pakhtoon Ittehad (PPI)	—	—	—	—
Independents	32	15	6	—
Seats announced	240	78	38	100
Total seats	240	80	40	100



Gorbachev shares a laugh with Rajiv (right) during the signing of an agreement between the two nations. (Reuters wirephoto)

Gorbachev ends visit to India

UN urged to pursue Afghan peace talks

NEW DELHI, Nov 20, (Agencies): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi called on the United Nations today to pursue dialogue between warring parties in Afghanistan and said an international conference may be needed.

Rajiv, speaking to reporters at the close of Gorbachev's visit, said the Kremlin leader still backed Afghan President Najibullah, with whom Afghan rebels refuse to deal.

He also said India would be watching the formation of a new government in Pakistan, where Afghan rebels are based, to see whether the change would break the Afghanisthan impasse.

Improved

In a joint declaration Gorbachev and Rajiv said no nation should have military bases outside its borders. But they did not elaborate, nor did Gorbachev offer to close Soviet bases abroad.

The two leaders said the international aim should be a "nuclear-weapon free and non-

violent world."

The statement came after three days of talks which Rajiv said had tremendously improved India's relations with the Soviet Union. New Delhi, bound to Moscow by a 1971 friendship treaty, is already the Kremlin's best friend in South Asia.

The Indo-Soviet declaration urged UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to use his mandate to get talks going between the parties to the Afghan conflict aimed at establishing a coalition government in Kabul.

"The formation of such a government in Afghanistan is a matter exclusively for the Afghan people to decide," the declaration said.

But it added that a UN-sponsored international conference might be needed for a united and non-aligned Afghanistan to emerge following nine years of war between Muslim rebels and the Soviet-backed government.

Both Moscow and the Kabul government have been pressing for an international conference

Vice squad formed to nab woman teasers

VICE squads have been formed to crack down on incidents of woman teasing, street disturbances and public acts of indecency, according to the Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Interior.

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The squads will ensure that rules of decent behaviour are adhered to, the department said.

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Air safety talks

DUBAI, Nov 20, (Reuters): An Iranian delegation arrived in Dubai today to discuss safety measures for flights between Iran and the Gulf emirate.

Officials said the delegation, headed by civil aviation chief Ramez Ifar, would discuss plans by Dubai's flag carrier, Emirates Airlines, to fly to Iran by the end of the year.

Kuwait vows to work for new state

KUWAIT pledged yesterday to work for the progress of the Palestinian state.

Kuwait also urged all the Palestinian factions to rally behind the PLO to enable the organisation to win more recognition for the new-born state.

Rashed Al Rashed, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs, also said Kuwait wants to see Lebanon reunited.

Rashed told reporters at the end of a regular Cabinet meeting that Kuwait hopes peace will prevail in the region and the Gulf peace talks will be successful.

Pope urges

VATICAN CITY, Nov 20, (Reuters): Pope John Paul made a new appeal today for peace and unity in Lebanon.

"I invite everyone to pray that this dear nation rediscovers the peace and unity so desired by all its children," the Pope told pilgrims, including a group of Lebanese, at his weekly Angelus address.

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China and Egypt recognise Palestinian state

CAIRO, Nov 20, (Agencies): Egypt, after a delay of five days, extended formal recognition today to the new Palestinian state with retroactive effect, describing its proclamation as a positive step that would promote peace and stability in the Middle East.

China, Vietnam, Senegal and Gambia also recognised the new state.

The Egyptian government's announcement of recognition came five days after the proclamation was made by the Palestinian National Council (PNC) last Tuesday in Algiers. Egypt merely issued a statement of support at the time.

"The Arab Republic of Egypt, which was in the vanguard of powers that championed the rights of the Palestinian people... affirms its recognition of the independent Palestinian state, in accordance with the principles contained in the political declaration issued by the PNC," a government statement said.

Retrospective

It said the recognition was retrospective to Nov 15—the date on which the proclamation of the new state was made.

The statement was released shortly after Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid held a rare meeting with Israeli Ambassador Shimon Shamir.

The ambassador told reporters he conveyed to Abdel-Meguid a message from Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, expressing Israel's opposition to the proclamation.

The statement, however, did not explain why the recognition was delayed for five days. An Egyptian diplomatic source, citing legal technicalities, said earlier that a declaration of support was more appropriate than recognition because the new state is not a reality on the ground.

China extended formal recognition today expressing its "full respect" for the Palestinian move.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry statement, in a brief dispatch carried by the official Xinhua news agency said: "The Chinese government, with full respect for the choice made by the Palestinian people, has decided to recognise the state of Palestine."

Satisfaction

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, who is on a visit to Baghdad, expressed "great satisfaction and happiness" with the Egyptian recognition, the Middle East News Agency quoted a PLO official as saying.

The agency quoted the official as saying the Egyptian statement was conveyed to the PLO leader in the Iraqi capital and he "welcomed" Cairo's decision.

The Palestinian leaders of the 11-month-old uprising against Israeli rule in the West Bank and Gaza Strip praised the PLO today for declaring an independent state.

The underground leaders, issued their first leaflet since PNC proclaimed the state.

The communique said it "blesses and supports" the PLO for successfully turning the revolt

into political gains.

Unity

Israel reacted cautiously to the Egyptian announcement.

Both the Prime Minister's office and the Foreign Ministry said they wanted to hear from Israel's embassy in Cairo before responding.

Israel's coalition government, in a rare display of unity, urged countries today not to recognise the Palestinian state and called the PLO an obstacle to peace.

The rightist Likud and dovish Labour parties, partners in the unity cabinet, joined in denouncing the PNC declaration while their negotiators met to discuss forming another coalition following inconclusive Nov 1 elections.

Cabinet ministers declined comment on an Israel Radio report that negotiators had reached agreement on a broad-based coalition that would enable them again to share power.

Troops shot dead a 22-year-old Palestinian and wounded three others in clashes in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip today, Arab hospital officials said.

Five Palestinians suffered beating injuries during an Army raid in the West Bank village of Madama, Arab doctors said.

Hospital officials initially said a five-year-old boy suffered serious head injuries in the raid, but later corrected the report to say the boy was nine years old and suffered moderate head injuries. They said they did not know the cause of the injuries.

Today's fatality occurred during an Army raid of the West Bank village of Baqa near Nablus, said officials at Nablus' Al Itihad hospital.

Troops opened fire after encountering resistance, wounding Youssef Mohammad Abdullah in the head and shooting a 16-year-old in the shoulder. Abdullah died soon after reaching the hospital. Itihad officials said.

Response

The European Economic Community will try to forge a positive response tomorrow to a challenge issued by Palestinians in Algiers last week but will stop short of recognising the newly proclaimed state, diplomats said.

"We are going to make a big effort to have a balanced text agreed," said a diplomat from Greece, which holds the revolving chairmanship of ministerial meetings and is the EEC state with the closest links to the Palestinians.

Jordan's Prime Minister Zaid Rifai said today the PLO has met international conditions for a place in Middle East peace talks and accused Israel of blocking settling of the peace.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Rifai also said "Israeli intransigence" will be the biggest challenge to Arab-Israeli peace efforts by US president-elect George Bush.

Rifai said that after last week's decisions by the PNC, "we believe the PLO has met the requirements necessary for participation in the conference."

Christina Onassis dies

BUENOS AIRES, Nov 20, (Reuters): Christina Onassis, daughter of the late Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis, died yesterday after being found unconscious at a friend's mansion in the outskirts of Buenos Aires. She was 37.

A hospital source said she was believed to have suffered a heart attack but police said a judge, Luis Nino, had ordered an inquiry into her death, calling it "questionable."

The local Diarios y Noticias news agency reported that pills found by her side were being analysed.

Onassis' aunt, Mary Onassis, ruled out any question of suicide and insisted the cause of death was a heart attack.

Autopsy

"Christina was in the best stage of her life," she told reporters outside the Greek Orthodox Archbishopric where the body was taken for a night-long vigil.

Autopsy results were not available from the city morgue late last night.

The hospital source, who

asked to remain anonymous, said the millionaire had apparently suffered a heart attack and was dead when she arrived at the exclusive Clinica Del Sol hospital. The time of death was given as 11.10 am (1410 GMT).

Mary Onassis said the body would be taken, probably on Wednesday, to the family's Greek island of Skorpios for burial alongside her father and brother in a private chapel.

Christina Onassis had been staying with childhood friends at a mansion in the grounds of the elite Tortugas country club about 35 km (20 miles) from the centre of Buenos Aires.

Extensive

Christina Onassis had lifelong ties with Argentina and frequently visited friends here. She was at the mansion of the Dodero family, which has extensive shipping interests.

Christina Onassis was born on Dec 11, 1950, in New York but later gave up her US citizenship for tax reasons. Her brother Alexander died in a 1973 plane



Christina

crash, making her the sole heirress to the family fortune.

She married and divorced four times — to an older, divorced American, a Greek shipping scion, a Soviet Communist Party member and a French businessman.

She had a daughter, Athina, in January 1985 by her fourth husband, French pharmaceutical heir Thierry Roussel. The child is presently in Switzerland.

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Bernsen marries British actress Pays

LOS ANGELES, Nov 20, (AP): Corbin Bernsen, who plays the shrewd divorce lawyer on "L.A. Law," has married British actress Amanda Pays of "Max Headroom" fame in a private ceremony, a publicist said.

Bernsen, 34, the silk-suited Arnie Becker on the television hit series, exchanged vows yesterday with Miss Pays, 29, at a lodge in suburban Los Angeles as about 170 guests watched. spokeswoman Marilyn Heston said.

The couple, who are expecting their first child in March, lived together for about a year, Ms Heston said.

The bride wore blue velvet while the groom sported a blue blazer and slacks.

"It's a very '40s look," Ms Heston said. "And there are a lot of smiles all around, with guests on the bride's side from as far away as England and France."

With "L.A. Law" still in production, the couple's honeymoon plans are on hold for several weeks, she said.

Miss Pays, whose film credits include "Oxford Blues," will appear in the film "Leviathan," scheduled for a March release.

Bernsen has made three films scheduled for release in 1989, including one titled "Major League," co-starring Charlie Sheen and Tom Berenger.

Captain relieved

TOKYO, Nov 20, (AP): The captain of a US destroyer has been relieved of his command, the US military liaison office said today, apparently because practice shells fired by his warship narrowly missed a Japanese vessel earlier this month.

The US Navy has relieved Frederick H. Michaelis Jr as commanding officer of the USS Towers," said Marine Master Gunnery Sgt Jake Rodriguez, a military spokesman.

Thatcher likely to advise Queen against Moscow visit

LONDON, Nov 20, (Agencies): Britain's major Sunday newspapers reported that Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher would likely advise Queen Elizabeth II not to accept any invitation to visit the Soviet Union.

The Evening Standard last week quoted unidentified sources in Moscow as saying they expected the invitation would be extended by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev when he meets the Queen during his official visit Dec. 12 to 14.

At the time, a Buckingham Palace spokeswoman said there were no plans for a visit and that if an invitation came the Queen would act on the advice of government officials, who must approve all of the monarch's foreign travels.

Decision
Early editions of the Sunday Telegraph, the Sunday Times and the Observer carried stories on page one quoting sources in government as saying that although no official decision had

been made and an invitation was not certain, that Thatcher was likely to advise the Queen against going.

Said the Sunday Telegraph: "By spelling out in advance the arguments against such a trip, government sources may preempt an invitation and avoid the embarrassment it might cause."

The newspaper said one of the most serious considerations would be that a visit by the Queen "could hand the Soviet Union a propaganda coup at a time when the outcome of Gorbachev's struggle to democratise his country is far from certain."

The Queen would not be free to offer outspoken criticism of Soviet human rights failures, the newspaper said.

The newspaper also said that because the Queen's schedule was unlikely to permit a visit until 1990, "it is also possible that Gorbachev might be succeeded by someone with far less appeal to the West by the time the visit took place."

No British sovereign has visited the Soviet Union since World War I, when the Russian royal family, who were related to the British monarchy, were killed by Bolshevik revolutionaries in July 1918.

The Observer's front-page story, headlined "Thatcher: No, your majesty," said the prime minister's opposition to a royal visit could dampen the atmosphere of Gorbachev's December trip.

Sunday's press reports leaked by government offices made it unlikely that Gorbachev, who is head of state as well as Communist Party leader, would offer any invitation.

The Observer agreed with the Sunday Telegraph that the killing of the Romanovs (the Tsarist royal family) need not stand in the way of visit. But Thatcher wanted to maintain pressure for the release of political prisoners in the Soviet Union and abolition of laws restricting opposition to government.

Yugoslav leaders warn of emergency moves

Protests subside in Kosovo

BELGRADE, Nov 20, (Reuters): Protests in the troubled province of Kosovo subsided today after Yugoslav leaders warned of possible emergency measures to quell three days of ethnic Albanian unrest.

But protesters in the Kosovo capital, Pristina, said they would take to the streets again within days if their demands for the reinstatement of ethnic Albanian leaders sacked under Serbian pressure were not met.

In Belgrade yesterday hundreds of thousands of people staged a pro-Serbian rally in protest against Albanian nationalism, while 100,000 ethnic Albanians held a counter-protest

in Pristina, 350 km (220 miles) south of Belgrade.

Kosovo President Remzi Koljigeci told the Albanian protesters an emergency session of provincial Communist Party leaders would be held to discuss their demands.

Tolerant

He said they were trying to control the situation but that urgent security measures might be taken if it did not calm down, apparently meaning paramilitary forces might be called in.

The Albanians took to the streets on Thursday protesting against the sackings of Kosovo

Politburo members Kacusa Jasari and Azem Vlasi for being tolerant towards Albanian nationalism. Kosovo, an autonomous province of Serbia, is peopled mostly by ethnic Albanians.

Thousands of protesters, mainly students and school pupils, surrounded Communist Party headquarters in Pristina demanding the reinstatement of local leaders. Some shouted: "Blood will be drawn if the constitution is changed."

It was the biggest ethnic Albanian protest since nationalist riots in 1981 in which scores of people were killed and which led to a brief spell of martial law in the region.



Gellie Turner and her husband John Turner (right) make their way through crowds at a community centre in Woodbridge, Canada, as they campaign for the election. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mulroney ahead in opinion polls

OTTAWA, Nov 20, (Reuters): Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, his Progressive Conservative Party ahead in opinion polls before Monday's election, pledged quick passage of a contentious free-trade bill with the United States if he is re-elected.

"I would want the House (of Commons) to come back as quickly as possible to make sure that the trade legislation is passed, as it should be, as promptly as possible," Mulroney said in Montreal yesterday.

The trade agreement, which would tear down remaining barriers between the world's two biggest trading partners, is the central issue in the campaign.

Supporters maintain the pact is essential for future prosperity but opponents, including the opposition Liberals and the New

Democratic Party, say it would weaken Canada's economy, threaten its political independence and erode its social programmes.

Surveys

As the Conservatives and the two main opposition parties headed into a last, crucial day of campaigning today, surveys indicated Mulroney was winning back voters.

Liberal leader John Turner had gained the lead in mid-campaign with his crusade against the trade pact and until recently was running neck and neck with Mulroney.

But two polls published yesterday gave the Conservatives 40 to 41 per cent of the vote, indicating Mulroney was convincing voters that the free-trade agreement

would bring more jobs and greater prosperity to Canada.

The polls showed the Liberals with 33 to 35 per cent support and the New Democrats with 22 to 23 per cent. Undecided voters in the two polls ranged from 11 to 12 per cent.

A third survey conducted for CTV television network by Insight Canada Research and released later yesterday showed Conservative support at 43 per cent while the Liberals slumped to 32 per cent and the New Democrats to 20 per cent.

Mulroney needs a majority of seats in the 295-member House of Commons to pass the trade agreement. If the Conservatives win only enough seats to form a minority government, the two opposition parties could unite to defeat the pact.

Laotians vote

BANGKOK, Nov 20, (UPI): Laotians voted today in the first provincial and municipal elections.

B-2 could cost \$850 million

Scientists question worth of Stealth

WASHINGTON, Nov 20, (Reuters): As the United States prepares for the public debut of its supersecret Stealth bomber on Tuesday, scientists are criticising the project and comparing the cost to that of a solid gold plane.

The B-2, made of composite materials to foil Soviet radar, will be unveiled at the Northrop plant in Palmdale, California.

But two groups of scientists say each plane could cost \$850 million, despite previous estimates of about half that.

"We figured that if it was built out of solid gold, it would cost \$950 million," physicist Michael Brower said. "Not gold plated. Solid gold."

Brower and other members of the union of concerned scientists and the federation of American scientists say that even if the B-2 works and can be deployed in the mid-1990s, the Pentagon cannot afford it in an era of tight budgeting.

Shrouded
The Air Force has so far shrouded the expected cost in its "black programmes" budget which is closed to public scrutiny.

But previously published reports have estimated that each of the 132 Stealth bombers that the service plans to order will cost at least \$450 million. The military has admitted to cost overruns in the programme.

The Stealth's first test flight will be between Palmdale and the nearby Edwards Air Force base within a month.

The union of concerned scientists issued a report last week charging that the bomber was unlikely to successfully fulfil its mission of destroying Soviet "mobile nuclear missiles in a superpower war."

It said the bomber would be highly vulnerable over Soviet territory once it turned on its own sensor to trace mobile Soviet SS-24 and SS-25 missiles.

Detected

"At the very least it faces an almost impossible task of trying to find mobile missiles in Soviet territory even if it cannot be detected by their anti-aircraft defences," said John Pike of the Federation of American Scientists.

The critics said there were about a million miles (1.6 million km) of roads and 80,000 miles (115,000 km) of railways in the Soviet Union on which such missiles could be hidden.

Defence officials say the B-2 will be able to penetrate the most sophisticated defences and argue it will force Moscow to spend huge sums of money on air defences that already include 2,250 interceptor aircraft, more than 7,000 radar units and 9,000 surface-to-air missiles.

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to tackle the Afghan impasse. Najibullah has offered a ceasefire and talks with the rebels, but they have refused to deal with him.

Recent criticism of Najibullah's party in the official Soviet media has led foreign analysts to speculate that Moscow favoured easing out the Afghan President in favour of someone more acceptable to the rebels.

But Rajiv, speaking to reporters outside the presidential palace as they waited for Gorbachev's departure ceremony, said of the Kremlin leader: "He supports Najibullah."

Gorbachev and Rajiv called for the strict observance of the Geneva accords under which all Soviet troops are to withdraw from Afghanistan by Feb 15.

On Saturday Gorbachev said the United States and Pakistan were behaving as though they wanted the Soviet Union to cancel its troop pullout, now temporarily suspended, in an apparent reference to their continued arms shipments to Afghan rebels.

Dispute
Rajiv seemed pleased by the talks and said he was not worried by improving Sino-Soviet ties over which other Indian officials express concern.

He declined to comment directly when asked if Gorbachev had sided with India in its border dispute with China. But Rajiv said: "President Gorbachev has supported us on many issues."

During a speech at the closing of a Soviet cultural festival in New Delhi yesterday Gorbachev said Moscow supported the inviolability of India's frontiers, suggesting the Kremlin backed India's territorial claims.

Signed
Before Gorbachev left for Moscow today, the Soviet leader and Rajiv signed an agreement for the Soviet Union to build two nuclear reactors for a power plant in south Indian state of Tamil Nadu.

The reactors, each capable of generating 1,000 megawatts of energy, will give India its largest nuclear power plant, an Indian government official said.

The project is scheduled for completion in 10 years, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and his Indian counterpart P. V. Narasimha Rao signed an agreement on Indo-Soviet co-operation in the exploration of outer space for the next 10 years.

Pakistani President calls ...

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ahead with its attempt to form a government," he said.

Sharif said it would be easier for Benazir to achieve a majority in the National Assembly than for his IDA.

He told a news conference he was also trying to "rally our colleagues around us... but if we cannot obtain a majority we will sit on the opposition benches."

He said the test would come when the assembly elected its speaker. "The side winning this crucial test should be invited to form the government."

Western diplomats and Pakistani analysts said the arithmetic strongly favoured the PPP, but a nomination as prime minister would sharply improve Sharif's chances of attracting independents and small parties.

The nominated prime minister has 60 days to win a vote of confidence in the assembly.

The Indian government congratulated its long-time foe Pakistan today for its democratic elections and said it looked forward to friendly relations with the new government.

"We have always been keen for the establishment of friendly and good-neighbourly relations between India and Pakistan," an Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Death penalty

MOSCOW, Nov 20, (AP): The Soviet Supreme Court has sentenced an Azerbaijani man to be shot by firing squad for leading a mob that killed seven people in anti-Armenian riots in Azerbaijan earlier this year, a witness said yesterday.

Kuryun Naganpetyan, a Moscow-based Armenian activist and painter, said the verdict against Akhmed I. Akhmedov was handed down by the high court early Friday night.

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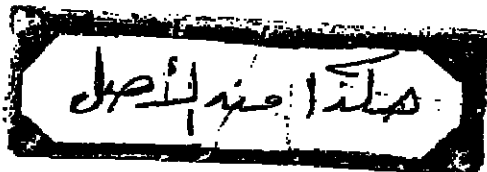
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5 Sikh militants killed in shootout

AMRITSAR, India, Nov 20, (UPI): Police today surrounded five Sikh militants in a farmhouse in northern Punjab and killed all of them during an hour-long gunbattle, police said.

Officials also reported the death toll of last night separatist attack in the Hindu-dominated town of Pathankot rose to 11 following the deaths of four wounded in the hail of automatic weapons fire.

They said three Sikh radicals on a motorbike sprayed bullets at a group of Hindus lined up outside a liquor shop and left nine others injured. The assailants escaped.

Victims

More than 2,200 people have died this year in violence connected to a drive by Sikh radicals to create in Punjab the theocratic nation of "Khalistan". Many of the victims have been Hindus, who the militants are trying to terrify into fleeing the Sikh-dominated state.

Sanjeev Gupta, police chief of Tarn Taran in Amritsar district, said paramilitary officers early today began staging house-to-house searches throughout Algo Kothi after receiving a tipoff that armed militants were present in

the village near the Pakistan border.

He said the flushing operation prompted the five gunmen to flee from their hiding place and try to escape but were eventually cornered in a farmhouse.

Hour-long

Gupta said the gunbattle raged for an hour, with militants shooting Chinese-made assault rifles and security personnel peppering the building with light machineguns.

Upon entering the farmhouse later police found their fire had killed all five of the Sikh separatists, including Bakshi Singh, a senior member of the "Khalistan Commando Force," a hardline militant group.

Gupta said Singh was responsible for the rocket attack Wednesday that damaged an office of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party.

Earthquake

LOS ANGELES, Nov 20, (AP): An earthquake centred off the coast jolted southern California last night, alarming residents as far as 70 miles (112 kilometres) inland, but there were no immediate reports of injury or damage, authorities said.

Muslims win equal seats with Tamils in Sri Lankan polls

Sinhalese party rebuffed

COLOMBO, Nov 20, (Agencies): A former Tamil guerrilla group captured 17 seats and a Muslim party won 17 in election for provincial council seats in eastern Sri Lanka, an election official said today.

Results of yesterday's elections were available for only one of three voting districts in multi-ethnic Eastern Province, but they showed a sharp rebuff of the predominantly Sinhalese party that controls the national government, which won only one seat.

Returns from the other two districts were delayed when poll workers refused to finish counting votes unless they were fed, residents reported.

Tamil guerrillas had vowed to disrupt the election, failed to do so despite killing one civilian and 16 Indian troops who provided heavy security around polling stations. Less than one-third of the eligible voters turned out, according to the election commission.

Lakshman Perera, deputy election commissioner, said results from the Batticaloa district had reached Colombo, but

those from the Trincomalee and Ampara districts were delayed by poor communications.

However, residents of the districts contacted by telephone said the delay was caused by an impromptu strike by poll workers late last night.

The workers stopped counting ballots when the dinners they said they were promised failed to materialise, according to the residents who spoke on condition of anonymity. Counting resumed this morning, they said.

Uncertainty

Perera said the Batticaloa returns showed 126,946 votes for the Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front, 42,100 for the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress and 756 for the United National Party.

A fourth group, the Eelam National Democratic Liberation Front, did not contest in Batticaloa but is running in other parts of Eastern Province. Both the Tamil fronts were guerrilla groups, but their leaders have renounced violence.

The poor showing of the ruling

United National Party adds further uncertainty to the outcome of next month's presidential elections. The party's presidential candidate, Prime Minister Ramasinghe Premadasa, faces a stiff challenge from former Prime Minister Sirimavo Bandaranaike of the Sri Lanka Freedom Party.

Both Premadasa and Mrs Bandaranaike are Sinhalese, as is the third presidential candidate, Ossie Abeygunasekara of the United Socialist Alliance.

Eastern Province is about equally divided among Sinhalese Tamils and Muslims.

The elections were called to select 35 members for an administrative council for Northern and Eastern Provinces which are being merged as part of a peace plan designed to end a five-year-old Tamil separatist war.

The biggest Tamil rebel group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, boycotted the elections and had vowed to disrupt them. The Tigers said the merger of the two provinces fell far short of their goal of an independent nation.

Rajiv's Beijing visit

Indian team goes to China to fix itinerary

NEW DELHI, Nov 20, (UPI): A delegation left today for Beijing to finalise arrangements for Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's visit to the Chinese capital next month, an official said.

An Indian official said Foreign Secretary K.P.S. Menon and three other senior officials would meet their Chinese counterparts to decide an itinerary for the first visit to the communist nation by an Indian leader since 1954.

New Delhi has said Rajiv's trip loosely scheduled for mid-December will be aimed at improving bilateral relations.

His visit is expected to yield agreements on greater co-operation in trade, science and technology, and include a plan to start civilian flights between New Delhi and Beijing.

But observers are sceptical there will be any breakthroughs

in the stormy relationship between the world's two most populous nations, at odds over two intractable border disputes simmering since a 1962 war along their Himalayan frontier.

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday said during a speech in New Delhi that Moscow hoped India and China could settle their differences so the three nations could work together to "solve the problems" of Asia and the Pacific.

China occupies 14,500 square miles (37,550 sq km) of territory claimed by India in the remote Aksai Chin region of the western Himalayas. It also wants New Delhi to yield 56,000 square miles (90,120 sq km) of Arunachal Pradesh state in the eastern Himalayas as it charges this region historically and culturally belongs to Tibet.



Aquino in trouble as she marks 1,000th day in power

MANILA, Nov 20, (Reuters): Philippine President Corazon Aquino completes her 1,000th day in power tomorrow, faced with threats of a transport strike and criticism from church, press and human rights groups.

Newspapers today blasted Aquino for failing to live up to expectations, human rights activists accused her military of kidnapping leftist opponents, and a religious leader denounced a government campaign encouraging artificial birth control.

Despite her claim to have restored democracy and turned the economy around, attacks from the three groups — including a press site freed from more than a decade of censorship — seem to signal growing disillusionment, analysts said.

An organisation of about 25,000 jeepney drivers announced a Manila-wide protest strike for tomorrow over fare cuts. Aquino ordered the cuts after reducing fuel prices.

Jeepneys — elongated vehicles in psychedelic colours, descended from wartime jeeps — are the Filipinos' main mode of transport.

Previous transport strikes were often marked by violence and police said today they were on full alert.

A statement from Cardinal Jaime Sin, the country's leading prelate, assailed a government campaign promoting birth control in the largely Roman Catholic Philippines.

Pakistan shoots down Afghan plane

ISLAMABAD, Nov 20, (Reuters): Pakistan shot down an intruding Afghan plane yesterday, a military spokesman said.

Newspapers said the plane was hit by ground fire over the Kurram salient, which juts into Afghanistan west of Peshawar, but the spokesman gave no details.

It was the fifth time since August that Pakistan has reported shooting down planes intruding over the 2,250-km (1,400-mile) border.

Most of the intrusions were

denied by the Soviet-backed Kabul government. The two countries are at odds over the 10-year-old guerrilla war in which Pakistan supports anti-communist Afghan rebels.

US-built F-16s of the Pakistani Air Force downed a Soviet warplane on Aug 4. The pilot was captured and sent back to the Soviet Union.

On Nov 3, Pakistan said it shot down an Afghan plane and captured the pilot. Kabul neither confirmed nor denied the report.

Chun apology delayed

SEOUL, Nov 20, (UPI): Former President Chun Doo Hwan, under pressure to take responsibility for corruption and abuses of power during his seven-year rule, has postponed a television appearance, news reports said today.

News reports, quoting an aide close to Chun, said the former leader who stepped down on Feb 24 needed more time to complete a statement that reportedly would apologise for wrongdoings committed while he ruled Korea. His apology was originally scheduled to be broadcast tomorrow.

"Chun will announce his statement Tuesday or Wednesday," an unnamed Chun aide was quoted as saying in the Korea Herald, one of two English language dailies.

Political sources said President Roh Tae-woo, one of Chun's alumni from the Korea Military Academy class 11 and a major supporter of his 1979 military coup, forced him to apologise, the newspapers reported.

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Preparations under way for exchange of POWs

BAGHDAD, Nov 20, (Reuters): Red Cross officials began preparations in Iraq and Iran today to exchange more than 1,500 sick or disabled prisoners captured in the Gulf war.

The officials of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) inspected the prisoners at camps in the two countries to ensure they could be repatriated later in the week, ICRC sources said.

The exchange, three months after a ceasefire went into force between Baghdad and Tehran, will be the largest since the Iran-Iraq war broke out in September 1980, diplomats said.

Result
Apart from humanitarian considerations, the exchange will be an important confidence-building exercise which may help to break the deadlock over major issues at UN-mediated peace

talks.
An agreement to repatriate all sick or wounded prisoners by the end of year was the only tangible result of the latest two-week round of negotiations in Geneva.

An ICRC spokesman said chartered aircraft will ferry the prisoners home, probably starting on Tuesday.

The ICRC sources said 1,158 sick or disabled Iraqis and 411 Iranians will be flown to Baghdad and Tehran respectively in groups of about 100.

Uniform
Hundreds of Iranian prisoners, dressed in yellow uniforms, were driven in Iraqi military buses to visit the Shi'ite Muslim shrine of Kadhmain north of Baghdad on Saturday, witnesses said.

"It may be the first and probably the last time they'll see the shrine," said an analyst. Kad-

himain is one of four major holy Shi'ite sites in Iraq.

Iraq has freed 670 sick or wounded Iranians since the guns fell silent on the war front on Aug 20.

"Hardly an Iraqi family remains unaffected by war — either with someone killed or wounded or taken prisoner," said a Western diplomat in Baghdad. "The return of prisoners is a popular issue here. People have been waiting for it."

UN Security Council Resolution 598, the basis of the ceasefire and three subsequent rounds of peace talks, stipulates that Iran and Iraq should exchange all 100,000 prisoners of war.

But the two countries remain far apart on agreement on a general release and on other major issues, such as a troop withdrawal to international boundaries.

Iraq has insisted that the Shatt Al Arab border waterway, its major outlet to the Gulf, must be cleared of war debris as a top priority.

Cash thefts reported

A PAKISTANI national identified as Abdul Qader Y. told Shuwaikh Industrial Area police that while he was counting money at one of the local banks, a man asked to see the Kuwaiti currency.

After the man left, Abdul Qader discovered KD640 missing, the Public Relations Department said as the Ministry of Interior reported.

In a similar incident, a Kuwaiti citizen identified as Yusuf H. notified Al Nagra police that on his way to the bank to deposit KD1,063, a man asked for KD20 in change. He offered the man KD5 denominations, but the man refused. On arrival at the bank, he observed that KD260 were missing.

Juvenile crime increases

THE number of juvenile misdemeanours sharply increased this year. A study conducted by Kuwait University in co-operation with the Ministry of Education indicated there were 1,970 misdemeanours in 1986 compared to 2,450 similar cases in 1988.

Most misdemeanours occurred among secondary stage students, the study said.

Dr Adnan Al Doui, a professor of family guidance and criminal behaviour, said that the high rate of juvenile misdemeanours is due to the failure of traditional establishments in guiding the behaviour of children.

Censoring

He added that many behavioural scientists believe that the roots of violence are implanted in children during early childhood. He called for stronger measures towards censoring children's TV programmes.

British fleet to stay in Gulf for time being

LONDON, Nov 20, (KUNA): The British Foreign Office reiterated that the Royal Navy's task force in the Gulf, known as the Armilla Patrol, will remain in place as long as necessary.

A Foreign Office spokesman was commenting on a report in the Sunday Telegraph newspaper suggesting that the scale of the Royal Navy's units in the region may be reviewed following the recent resumption of diplomatic relations between Britain and Iran.

The newspaper went on to say that the Foreign Office is seeking the views of British ambassadors in the Gulf states on the importance of a Royal Navy presence being maintained after a formal end of the eight-year Gulf war is secured.

The weekly also noted that the restoration of full diplomatic ties between London and Tehran after months of negotiations is seen as removing much of the threat that existed to British shipping.

The Foreign Office, however, insisted that no change is likely for the time being.

It recalled that British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had indicated during her visit to the Armilla Patrol last August that the Navy would remain in the Gulf until Iran and Iraq signed a formal end to the war.

Meanwhile, the Sunday Telegraph reported that Britain's close relations with the Arab Gulf states are seen as a "strong factor" against any early withdrawal of the Armilla Patrol before a formal peace plan.

Clearing
Earlier this month, British Royal Navy vessels stopped accompanying UK merchant ships in the southern Gulf as the cease-fire is holding.

It was also pointed out here that three British minehunters are engaged along with Dutch and Belgian units in exercise "cleansweep," clearing a 300-mile safe channel between the Strait of Hormuz and Qatar.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Technical seminar scheduled

THE second technical seminar of the Institution of Engineers (India) Bahrain Chapter will be held at the Gulf Hotel on Wednesday.

According to a press release issued here, the main subject of the seminar will be desalination and water treatment plants. Eminent speakers will present papers on the reverse osmosis (RO) and the multi-stage flash (MSF) desalination processes as well as the world renowned ionics water treatment process.

The seminar, which is co-sponsored by Mohammed Jafar & Sons Machinery and Automotive Services Division, is open to all members of the Institution of Engineers (India) Bahrain Chapter as well as the members of the Bahrain Society of Engineers.

A. Majeed Awadhi, RO plants manager, will talk about the world's largest RO plants at Ras Abu Jaufur in Bahrain.

Ahmed Habib, manager of the Sitra Power and Water Station, will present a paper on the process. The process is used by the Sitra Power and Water Station and supplies 60 per cent of Bahrain's desalinated water. The plant, which was commissioned in 1975, is said to have the capacity to produce 25 million gallons of water a day.

The subject of de-ionisation will be discussed by Ronald Beaudoin, ionics sales manager, Mohd Jafar & Sons. A number of water treatment plants using the world-renowned electro-dialysis reversal process of water treatment are installed in Bahrain.

The seminar will be opened by R.N. Ghosh, chairman of the Institution of Engineers (India) Bahrain Chapter and a leading mechanical engineer employed with the Ministry of Works, Water and Power.

Club to host reception

THE Lions Club of Bahrain will celebrate its tenth anniversary on Wednesday by hosting a reception at the Regency Inter-Continental Hotel.

Leading businessmen, dignitaries and members of the diplomatic corps have been invited to attend the reception along with Tariq Almoayed, Minister of Information.

According to Krish Nair, club secretary, Bahrain's Lions Club is the first and only one of its kind in the Gulf. The club is expected to have a membership of 30 after the inclusion of three new members shortly.

Nair said the club is renowned for its work and support for such social and charitable institutions as Child Care Home, Al Noor Institute for the Blind and the Rehabilitation Home for the Elderly and Handicapped.

The Lions International is one of the largest service organisations in the world with a membership of 1.3 million in 162 countries.

Boost for industrial sector

BAHRAIN is considering plans, including privatisation, to set up major new ventures to boost its industrial sector, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Development and Industry, Shaikh Isa Bin Abdullah Al Khalifa said on Saturday.

He said if everything goes well, easy banking loans and other incentives will be provided to private companies.

He revealed that new joint industrial ventures may be set up between private firms and the government.

Last week, the government announced the possibility of privatisation of some state industries on a limited scale. It is felt that the economy is mature enough for such a plan which should encourage investment and generate extra revenue.

There are also plans to expand the Bahrain Aluminium Co. and increase production to 225,000 tonnes per year.

AI officials meet Amir

THE Amir of Bahrain, Shaikh Isa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa, on Sunday morning, received Rajan Jeffrey, managing director of Air India, (AI). He was accompanied by Indian Ambassador M.P.M. Menon, along with other delegation members.

Present at the meeting on the Bahraini side were Shaikh Isa Bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Development & Industry, Shaikh Hamad Bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, assistant undersecretary of Civil Aviation and Mubarak Kanoo, director of Kanoo Travels.

During the meeting the Amir stressed the importance of close co-operation between the national carriers of the two countries. He also underlined the need to strengthen the working relationship between Gulf Air and Air India.

Problems of adolescents discussed

KUWAIT'S Nursing Society recently sponsored a seminar on "Averting Adolescence Problems" at the Kuwait Medical Association.

Dr Fawziyah Al Duraia, professor at Kuwait University, said adolescence is a sensitive time. Special attention should be given by parents towards the social and psychological welfare of their adolescent children, she said.

Sound relations should be created between children and parents to secure a better future, she added. Dr Najem Abdullah, professor at Kuwait University, said that radical physiological and psychological changes occur during adolescence.

He stressed on the importance of parents, schools and communities understanding the nature of these changes.

Proposed centres move closer to reality

THE Municipal Affairs Committee at its last meeting agreed to transfer sites allocated for proposed public service centres along the country's highways to the Department of Government Property and Services at the Ministry of Finance.

Condition

According to a local daily, the transfer is to be made on condition that the final designs for the proposed service centres will be submitted to the municipality for review and endorsement.

The service centres will provide motorists with auto maintenance, repair and other related services. The centres will also provide ambulances, petrol stations, restaurants, public conveniences, rest stations and branches of co-operative societies, the daily added.

Want to change the name of your baby? Here's how

By Lima Al Khalafawi

THE name of a newborn baby can be changed, but it's a long process.

Until a child is six years of age, a name change comes under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Health, according to Faisal Al Fouzan, the controller of the Births and Deaths Registration Department at the Ministry of Public Health.

Documents

For older children or adults, name changes are handled at the Justice Palace.

Both Kuwaitis and non-Kuwaitis who want to change the name of their baby must come to

the department, Al Fouzan said. Non-Kuwaitis must bring the passports of the mother and father, the Civil IDs of both parents, the hospital birth certificate and their marriage certificate.

Kuwaitis must bring a nationality document of both parents or both of their Civil IDs, the hospital birth certificate and their marriage certificate.

After the required documents are submitted, the applicant is asked about the name change in front of the committee department, Al Fouzan said.

The change is always accepted and a temporary birth certificate is issued.

Certificate

After the change is approved, the department will provide the new information to the Public Authority for Civil Information and the applicant is given a date to return to the department.

The new name is published twice in the Kuwait Gazette. Fifteen days after the last publication, a birth certificate with the new name is given to the applicant, Al Fouzan said. The department receives 15 to 20 applications per month to change the name of newborns, he said.

After the change is accepted by the Health Ministry, it must be registered in one of the parent's



Al Moajil

passports, said Col. Mohammad Ibrahim Al Moajil, director of the Hawalli Governorate Immigration Department.

A child's name should be registered with the Immigration Department within two months of birth. If the name of the child in the birth certificate is to be changed, an application should be made to the Immigration Department before the expiry of the two-month period.

Deadline

This is to ensure that no fine will be imposed for the delay in processing registration within the deadline period.

The Immigration Department will provide an applicant with an extension of time to complete the formalities, Al Moajil said. However, the extension should fall within the total period stipulated for completing formalities.

Officials to change name of department

PLANS are under way to change the name of the Legal Advice and Legislation Department at the Council of Ministers, Dr Abdul Rasool Ridda, head of the department, told a local daily.

The department will be renamed the Public Authority for Legal Advice, Legislation and State Affairs to more accurately reflect the specialised nature of work performed by the department.

The plan is to be endorsed as a new draft bill by Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed.

The department provides legal opinions on issues referred by the Council of Ministers, ministries, public establishments and government departments.

Disputes
The department also offers advice on international matters, issues of a constitutional or legislative nature and looks into disputes between ministries and public establishments. The department also reviews draft laws, decrees and legislative matters, the official said.

He added that major new div-

isions have been organised within the department. One division relates to judicial affairs, the other deals with consultations on legal advice, legislation and contractual agreements.

The judicial affairs division looks after lawsuits in the interests of the government, public establishments and other national bodies and represents them in all courts on national and international levels.

The Consultative Division provides legal opinions and counsel on disputes between ministries and other government departments on recommendations of the Council of Ministers.

A total of 2,750 pieces of legislation have been reviewed by the department since 1960 and 252 others since 1986.

Abdul Ridda said that 74 per cent of the department personnel are Kuwaitis (out of 69 employees, 51 were Kuwaitis). To implement the national Kuwaitisation process, the department encourages Kuwaitis to join the department, he added.

New department to protect ports

KUWAIT'S Ministry of Interior will create a new department to be named the "Public Department for Ports Security," according to a local daily.

The department will provide security for Kuwaiti ports.

Meanwhile, a new decision organising taxis will soon be issued in keeping with the minister's decision stipulating conditions for operating call taxi companies.

The decision is aimed at organising and developing this sector — particularly taxis operating at the international airport, the daily added.

Crash kills one

ONE man died and two people were injured in traffic accidents yesterday, according to the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Interior.

Four accidents occurred in the capital, three in Ahmadi and three in Jabra.

Profits not big at maid offices, say owners

OWNERS of maid offices, though admitting that they serve a large sector of society, deny that they make huge profits.

They told Al Rai Al Aam newspaper that these offices mediate between customers and maids offices outside Kuwait. The expense of operating offices in Kuwait and abroad are quite high, they added.

Additionally, there are several expenses involved. Maids are sometimes returned by their employers to the offices for a variety of reasons. The offices have to provide another sponsor and in the meantime, provide for the welfare of the maid.

The general consensus among owners of maids offices in Kuwait is that the Ministry of Commerce should play an important part in issuing licences. Many of the offices are not well organised. Additionally, these offices are growing in number and need additional supervision, they said.

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Construction industry surveyed by office

KUWAIT, Nov 20, (KUNA): The Central Statistical Office today released the report on the survey of construction establishments in the country for 1986.

The report presents statistics relating to the structure of the industry, employment and wages, construction work under way and work done during the year.

According to the survey, there were an estimated 1,270 establishments working in the construction industry in 1986 which employed 44,611 people.

Work

The construction work carried out by these establishments during the year amounted to KD390.2 million, the report said. The construction industry accounted for 6.1 per cent of the non-oil GDP of the country during 1986, the report indicated.

Contracts

At the beginning of 1986, the establishments had in hand construction contracts valued at KD998.6 million, it said.

During the year, they acquired new contracts worth KD393.5 million and completed construction projects costing KD390.2 million, it added.

Pianist to perform here

BY popular demand and in collaboration with National Bank, 7-Up Bottling Co. and Al Alamiyah Electronics Co., the famous pianist Ramzi Yassa will give his second performance of the year in Kuwait on Saturday in the new grand ballroom of the Kuwait Sheraton.

Yassa has established himself internationally as a recitalist and soloist with orchestra and appears throughout Europe, the USSR, the Middle East and Japan.

His many radio broadcasts and television appearances have introduced him to an even wider audience, and his records include an all-Prokofiev disc and a recording of Tchaikovsky's "The Seasons".

His first compact disc of Chopin's Four Ballades and the Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise was released to critical acclaim.

Billion
In London, Yassa has appeared in recitals at the Wigmore Hall and the South Bank and with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Charles Groves in a sold-out concert at Barbican.

The summer of 1987 included his most recent appearance with Zubin



Ramzi Yassa

Mehta at a Gala Music Night which was relayed from the Palais Farnese in Paris to an estimated audience of one billion television viewers in 33 countries.

Forthcoming engagements include his first appearance in the Spring Festival in Prague and concerts in Austria, France, Spain and the Middle East.

Ticket reservations can be made by telephoning the banquet department at 2422055 ext 104 or 109.

Chandra fails the Acid test

By Fathima Ahmed

BOMBAY-BASED producer-director N. Chandra made a promising start, first with *Holi* and then with *Pratigat*, both off-beat films. *Pratigat* was a scathing comment on violence and terrorism, a movie that provoked dormant emotions arousing an abhorrence for brute force.

Unfortunately, N. Chandra's promise did not last long, judging from his recent release *Tezaab* (Acid). It lacks the acerbity, wit, depth and finesse of his earlier movies.

Tezaab is billed as "a violent love story." One can understand love defined as indifferent, selfish, selfless, passionate, tragic, ignorant, obsessive, self-effacing or doomed. But

violent? How can love be violent. It is hard to swallow savagery in romance, no matter how romantic the notion may have been for the producer, writer, editor and director N. Chandra.

Yes, Chandra approaches romance differently, first using the superficial ploy — "Formula 420" — arousing envy to win favours. When Munna (Anil Kapoor) wants to win Mohini's (Madhuri Dixit) favours, he goes for the golden girl — Nikhita (Mandakini). It works — he has the "time" to teach Nikhita psychology but is unable to find time for Mohini's requests.

After ignoring Mohini, Munna tells Nikhita: "It is not a question of lack of time; it is a matter of making time for

someone special." That Munna and Mohini later fall in "real" love is the director's contrived endeavour. Somehow Chandra manages to inject some moments of tenderness and passion, a reminder of his earlier talent. Baba Azmi's camera does justice to Chandra's direction — but this is just a flash in the pan.

Chandra seems confused, totally ill-at-ease with the commercial mantle he bears in *Tezaab*.

The beginning seems disjointed. Thirty minutes after the film begins, the credits roll and viewers are rudely taken from an engrossing half-hour into the past through a flashback.

"The technique of flashbacks is also employed to narrate the 'violent love story' of Mahesh Deshpande alias Munna and Mohini. Why Chandra chose flashbacks is hard to tell.

The theme of *Tezaab* could be the story of any one of the earlier thousand or more Hindi films. A good guy turns bad. Why? Every regular Hindi film buff can answer that query. Mahesh became Munna because of a series of traumatic events in his life. After the brutal death of his parents, Munna is framed by corrupt policemen on false charges when he beats up a man who was molesting his sister. In this background, he also has to face the arch enemy — Lotia Pathan (Kiran Kumar).

The only novelty in the theme is Mohini's background. The daughter of a brutal, selfish, avaricious man (played by



Anil Kapoor

Anupam Kher), she is forced by him into a profession — singer-dancer on stage which she detests. There are moments of high drama when Mohini confronts her father, exposing him for what he is. Chandra has carefully handled Mohini's anguish, a trapped woman trying to get a fresh start in life.

Chandra's previous movies were taut, to the point and forceful. *Tezaab* is loosely scripted, confused and unending. For example, once Mohini, kidnapped by Pathan, is rescued, one expected "The End". No way. Mohini and Munna's reconciliation follows after lengthy footage involving the police's belated entry to prove their efficiency and honesty. Perhaps, it will end now. No, it

goes on ... with more violence adding spice to the "love story". When it finally ends after an eternity, we have the feeling that perhaps it was not a romance after all. Or it would have been better if it were tragic romance or a full-fledged action movie. As it stands, it falls into a vague, obscure category — a hotchpotch of everything leading to nothing but gore and violence.

Madhuri Dixit looks sensational; Anil Kapoor tries his best to act tough and Anupam Kher is at his despicable best in the role of the man exploiting his daughter.

The above film is by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St, Farwaniya. Tel: 474-2900.

Kuwait Hotels Company to take over Hilton

KUWAIT Hotels Company (KHC) will take over the management of Kuwait Hilton from January 1989, according to a press release issued by the company. The Hilton chain's management agreement ends on Dec 31.

KHC Chairman Ali Ahmed Al Ghanim Al Jabr said they will change the hotel's name to Kuwait International Hotel. "We are grateful for Hilton's contribution towards the development and progress of the hotel industry in Kuwait. We are confident that with the available resources within its own structure, the management of the hotel will continue successfully."

He appreciated the professional standards of the hotel staff and said they will continue in their jobs after the takeover of the new management.

The hotel was opened in February 1969 by HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah who was then the Crown Prince and Premier. It was one of the first international hotel

chains in Kuwait.

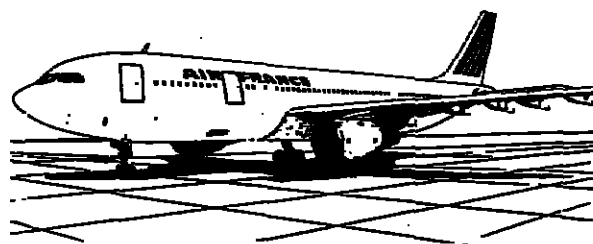
In 1983, the hotel was renovated and expanded. A 19-floor tower was added to the facility.

The new management is presently conducting a survey to refurbish the hotel. The hotel features spacious guest rooms, luxurious suites and a complete business centre in addition to meeting rooms for banquets, conference and seminars. There are three restaurants, a recreation centre consisting of a health club, two swimming pools, tennis courts, bowling alley, games rooms and fitness centre.

Al Jabr said: "Our main objective is to provide the same high quality service which our guests are used to, with the help of a highly experienced management."

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9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqar Cartoon serial
9.45 World News via Satellite
10.00 Quloob Al Baidah: Arabic serial. Starring: Anwar Ismael, Hala Sudqi, Ahmad Marae.
10.45 Good Morning
11.00 Dars Khussousi: daily Arabic serial. Starring: Suad Abdullah

12.00 News Summary
12.15 Israr Al Bahar
1.00 News Summary
1.05 Holy Quran/Closedown

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoon
5.15 Maama Anisa and Children
6.00 Islam Wal Insaan: historical serial
7.00 News Summary
7.20 Songs and Music
7.50 Quran and Science
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Makaan Fi Al Qalb: Arabic serial
10.45 Ne'amat Hanem: Arabic play
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Bionic Six: Cartoons
6.30 The Friends of My Friends: "Children of Highway." A look

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Ahlam Pharmacy
Muttehad Bldg., Fahd Al Salem St.
Al Amal Pharmacy,
Mubarak Al Kabir St.
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Qattan Pharmacy
Yarmouk Complex, Othman St.
Salahiya and Rasmalithiya
Al Raed Pharmacy
Amman St.
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
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Farwaniya
Al Yassin Pharmacy
Jara Commercial Centre,
Main St.
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Al Riqqa Pharmacy
Riqqa
Jahra
Al Noor Pharmacy
Abdul Aziz Nasrullah Bldg., Matafi St.



Jake and the Fatman, tonight at 10.30 pm on KTV2

at the life of two Pakistani children who work for truck drivers.

7.00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news.

7.30 Out of This World: "Boy Crazy." Evie meets a rock singer

8.00 News in English
8.40 Miami Vice: "Child's Play." Crockett is distraught after he accidentally shoots at a 13-year-old.

Starring: Don Johnson
9.30 In Search Of: "UFO

Captives..." Tonight's episode interviews people who claim they have seen aliens or unidentified flying objects.

10.00 You Can't Take It With You: "Late... Mr." A computer error causes panic.

Starring: Harry Morgan, Comedy

10.30 Jake and the Fatman: "The Men I Love."

11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Last Hunter
Starring: David Warrick, Tess Farrow
Al Salmiya
Haunted Honeymoon
Starring: Gilda Radner, Johnny Wilder
Al Hamra
Vigilante
Starring: Fred Williamson
Drive-in
Malaf Samiya Sharawi (Arabic)
Starring: Nadiya Al Jundi, Farouk Fishawi, Kamal Shinnawi
Al Firdos
Aankhen (Hindi)
Starring: Dharmendra, Mala Sinha
Fahsheel Open-Air
Mohabbat (Hindi)

Al Fahsheel
My Lucky Stars
Al Jahra
Aliens
Granada
Le Gendarme Et Les Extra Terrestres (French)
Salsabikhat
Circus on Parade
Al Jebel
Sahi Khandan (Bengali)
Ahmadi Drive-in
Eat the Rich

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Zuhr	11.34
Asr	2.31 pm
Maghreb	4.50
Isha	6.11

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT-THURS: 8.30 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 7.30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; FRIDAYS: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House
SAT-THURS: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddlebags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition
Richness in Spirit is the title of an exhibition of Indian contemporary art. Figurative art by 30 painters is on show at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm; until Dec 15.

Boushahri Gallery
UNTIL NOV 25: Indian artist Amrut Patel displays his paintings at the gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St., open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm; 4-8.30 pm.

Painting Exhibition
UNTIL NOV 30: Kuwaiti artist Fadel Al Abbar is showing a collection of modern art paintings at the Kuwait National Museum; open during museum hours.

Ghadir Gallery
NOV 27-DEC 31: Paintings of Matthew Digby Wyatt (1820-1877) and antiques will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salsabikhat Complex. The show will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4-8.30 pm.

CINEMA

Aspects of Modern Soviet Cinema
NOV 21: "Andrei Rublyov", directed by Andrei Tarkovsky; starring Anatoly Solonitsyn, Ivan Lapikov.

NOV 22: "The Theme", directed by Gleb Panfilov; starring Mikhail Ulyanov, Inna Churikova.

NOV 23: "Choice", directed by Vladimir Naumov; starring Natalia Belokhvosikova, Mikhail Ulyanov.
NOV 26: "Messenger Boy", starring Oleg Basilashvili, Anastasia Nemolayeva; directed by Karen Shakhnazarov.
NOV 27: "Weirido", starring Christina Orbaite, Yuri Nikulin; directed by Rolan Bykov.

LECTURE

Kuwait University
NOV 21: 6 pm: Dr. M.A. Sa'adeeddin will give a lecture on "Explorations in the Process of Translation" at the Department of English, Kuwait University.

British Council
NOV 26-29: A talk on education in Scotland will be given

each evening on undergraduate and postgraduate study during a four-day promotion of Scottish universities and polytechnics at the British Council, 2 Al Arabi St., Mansouriya. Open from 9 am to 12.30 pm; 5-8 pm.

MUSIC

Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give a recital at the Al Jahra Ballroom, Meridien Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the hotel.

Piano and Violin Recital
NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kelling and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from Hilton lobby.

Rock the Night
NOV 23 (8 pm); Nov 24 (5 and 8 pm): Sounds Great's show at Salmiya Sky. Music with music by Seventh Sky. Music of Def Leopard, Joan Jett, Gary Moore, Europe and Heart played by Seventh Sky. Tel: 5740256/7; Fax: 5386294.

Filipino Song Festival
DEC 2: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at 4 pm. The venue will be announced later. All Filipinos are welcome.

Upasana
DEC 8: Upasana presents musical evening at IAC. Old and new songs from Malayalam, Hindi and other regional Indian languages will be presented.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Welsh Society
NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper". For further details call 3713467.

Kuwait Caledonians
NOV 24: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messilah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext 253.

Badesik Picnic '88
NOV 25: From 8.30 am at Messilah Beach Hotel. The Bangladesh Diploma Engineers Society will hold a picnic. Games for children will be conducted from 9.30 am. For details call Mohsin — 4674055 ext. 386 before Nov 21.

Bangladesh Association
THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will publish a souvenir on the occasion of Victory Day. Bangladeshis are invited to submit articles for the souvenir before Nov 30. For details call Zakir — 4741876; Musaddique — 2414191; Yousuf — 434555 ext 2754.

HOTELS

At Messilah Beach
MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: Open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

At the Holiday Inn
"Sea Drama on Ice", offering seafood specialties in Al Dana every Wednesday; on

Thursdays, an Indian night featuring exotic cuisine and entertainment by Arab singers. Friday brunch: fun 'n' surprises for children and parents at the weekly brunch, 11 am to 3 pm.

At the Sheraton
RICCARDO'S: Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna's Duo. Lunch and dinner, daily. Closed on Fridays.

Al Hamra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Wednesdays: seafood night; Friday's buffet brunch. Entertainment by the Marcus Band provide live entertainment.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner; specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarbouche: daily lunch and dinner buffet featuring Arab cuisine. Thursdays: Arab world specialties; Fridays: buffet lunch and dinner.

Coffee Shop: International cuisine and daily specials; ideal for casual or business meeting.

At the Ramada
LE MIRAGE Night Club: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arzz Band.

Al Bender Coffee Shop: Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandool Grill Garden: 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties.

Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight; a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Argulla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips Shop: 4 pm to 11 pm. Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm. Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the Continental
Gardenia: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

At the SAS
AL BUSTAN: Friday brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wonton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

At Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetizers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

SPORTS

PBAK bowling tournament
NOV 22: 8 pm. PBAK will hold their fourth general meeting. All team captains are requested to attend. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 484-3447.

Football Tournament
NOV 25: 8.30 am. Al Soor Grounds. United Goans meet Salcette United in the Rothmans Gold Cup football tournament finals, organised by Salcette United.

UG Volleyball Tournament
DEC 9: The United Goans Centre will hold their first volleyball tournament at Al Soor Ground. Last date for entries: Nov 30. For details contact Tony — 2612024.

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EDITORIALS

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

REMEMBER, it is as easy to marry a rich woman as a poor woman — William Thackeray, English writer (1811-1863).

Bush in limelight as Reagan era fades

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON, (Reuters): President-elect George Bush is still two months from taking office but his workload is making it appear that Ronald has already vanished into history.

In the 10 days since his victory over Democrat Michael Dukakis, Bush has been pressed by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to reverse US policy in the Middle East, badgered by the financial markets for reassurance about his economic policy and been invited to meet Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

For the first time in 60 years, an outgoing president is being succeeded by a member of his own party and political experts say that in some ways the demands on Bush are greater than for previous presidents-in-waiting.

The vice-president had Reagan's strong support in the campaign and was given a major say in recent cabinet appointments. Bush's political interests have also been a factor in several recent policy decisions.

Takeover

With aides describing the transition from Reagan to his vice-president as "a friendly takeover," there is a temptation in some quarters to regard Bush as a de facto president in position to influence policy during Reagan's remaining time in office.

"When Ronald Reagan was coming in and Jimmy Carter was going out you knew you had to deal with Carter until Jan 20," says Steve Hess of the Brookings Institution Public Policy Group. "It wasn't the same family. You could deal with Reagan but he wasn't going to influence what happened between election day and Jan 20."

Pariah

Perhaps the clearest indication of the changed status of Reagan and Bush has been the behaviour of financial markets since the Nov 8 election.

The stock market and the value of the dollar tumbled sharply for several days after economist Martin Feldstein, a Bush adviser, said the dollar needed to drop by about 20 per cent if the United States hoped to cut its trade deficit.

By Hamza Hendawi

KHARTOUM, (Reuters): Opposition to a breakthrough peace accord in Sudan's civil war could splinter the ruling coalition and delay an end to years of fighting and famine, diplomats said on Thursday.

The National Islamic Front (NIF), third biggest party in the government, said an accord signed on Wednesday amounted to surrender to the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) rebels.

"The NIF's reaction so far... has bordered on the hysterical," a diplomat said. "It is now seen in the very unfavourable light as the one which does not want peace."

The SPLA's agreement signed in Addis Ababa with another coalition member, the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), calls for a ceasefire, an end to imposition of Islamic law, and a conference on the national constitution to begin on Dec 31.

The NIF has campaigned for Islamic law and had threatened before the peace accord to quit the government as it felt its aims were not being achieved.

Fighting

Fighting that began in 1983 and famine that it helped cause forced three million people in mainly Christian and animist south Sudan, who complain of domination by the Muslim north, to become refugees elsewhere in the country. One million live in Khartoum.

Diplomats said the six-month-old government of Prime Minister Sadeq al Mahdi, head of the National Umma Party, looked set to fall.

"Mahdi may just sit on the sidelines and watch them fight it out and then he will join the side that emerges with more popular support," said a senior Western diplomat.

Tribal and ideological differences within the SPLA meant there was no guarantee that all its factions would agree to a truce, the diplomats added.

SPLA leader John Garang

Feldstein, senior White House economist from 1982-1984, left the Reagan administration as a pariah because of his advocacy of higher taxes to cut the budget deficit. His words had been largely ignored by the markets since then, but his link to Bush must have elevated his stature.

The markets shrugged off White House reassurances about policy and calmed down only after the president-elect distanced himself from Feldstein's remarks on Monday.

But the market jitters got new life two days later from Federal Reserve Board chairman Alan Greenspan.

In a message directed in part at Bush, Greenspan warned that the massive US budget deficit was slowly destroying the economy.

Bush has vowed early negotiations with Congress to reduce the red ink. But he is hemmed in by his own campaign promise not to raise taxes and a reluctance to publicly repudiate any existing policies as long as Reagan occupies the Oval Office.

Stray "He can't stray too far from Reagan's policies and kick him in the shins," says presidential historian Raymond Moore of the University of South Carolina. "So that constrains him."

George Reedy, former White House press secretary under Lyndon Johnson, said Bush has his hands tied in dealing with any problems that might arise before his inauguration. "All he can do now is make some symbolic moves," said Reedy.

Summit Bush, who this week has met West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, must also battle public expectations surrounding next month's meeting with Gorbachev.

"He has a very careful tight-rope to walk," said Reedy. "He has to make clear he's not negotiating, do nothing that looks like negotiations."

So far, Bush appears to be heading that advice.

His vice-presidential Chief of Staff Craig Fuller has stressed that the talks with Gorbachev, who will also meet Reagan, do not constitute a summit or a prelude to a summit.

told reporters after signing the accord that there would be no immediate ceasefire. The agreement would have to be approved by the government and parliament first.

The war, the second in the south since 1974, has denied the cash-strapped government the use of oil found in that area and prevented completion of a big irrigation scheme in the undeveloped region.

Hit by drought and then floods, the south has endured a famine this year that has killed thousands.

The chaos has stirred latent resentment, and sometimes racial hatred, between northerners and southerners and led to calls for secession from both sides.

"North and south have drifted so far apart during the war that I cannot see they could live in peace again," said a diplomat. "It will take years for all wounds to heal."

The Army appears to support the Addis Ababa accord, one diplomat said. "It has had enough fighting a war that none can win."

The agreement could at least allow a relief plan by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to proceed, the diplomat said.

Supplies would be brought simultaneously to three towns held by the SPLA and three by the government.

The ICRC chief delegate in Africa, Pierre Gassman, was due in Khartoum on Thursday from Addis Ababa where he asked SPLA leaders to approve the plan, which the government accepted in August.

But other areas would remain cut off from relief efforts even with a ceasefire, diplomat said.

"Mines have to be cleared and something must first be done about (pro-government) militiamen and bandits... looking for loot," said a Khartoum-based United Nations official.

However, South Africa has participated in annual arms shows in Chile in recent years and advertises in international defence magazines. One of ARMSCOR's selling advantages is that its weapons are battle-tested as a result of South

Caution and moderation to be key words of Mideast policy

By Fathima Ahmed

THE world is poised on the brink of change.

The recent declaration of an independent Palestinian state and the PLO's acceptance of UN Resolution 242 have removed crucial obstacles to Middle East peace efforts. But their dilemma continues.

Since World War II the world's power structure has changed considerably. US political analyst Henry Trehwitt believes "superpowers no longer command the influence they once did," despite all indications to the contrary.

NATO members are less willing to take dictation from the West. The American-Soviet cold war seems to be tapering off.

The Soviet Union, focusing on domestic reforms, is facing problems from its allies in Eastern Europe and has begun to moderate its influence in several areas of South East Asia, southern Africa and South Asia.

Thaw Medium-size nations are exercising their own individual foreign policy.

The Aug 20 ceasefire and Iran-Iraq peace talks renew hopes of regional stability. In Iran there is a visible shift toward moderation. The Palestinians are in an emotional mood as the intifada continues despite Israel's ruthlessness.

The gradual thaw in US-Soviet relations, moving towards healing a rupture of over 20 years

Bush will tread a beaten track

Will US president-elect George Bush bring policies of continuity or change to the White House? American political and strategic analyst Henry Trehwitt recently told representatives of the Kuwaiti press in a satellite link-up that all indications point to continuity.

gives a theoretical basis for a non-adversarial role by the US and Soviet Union.

Iran's threat to the conservative Arab states has visibly diminished. Yet, the hostage question remains unanswered.

In this perspective, a pertinent question is American president-elect George Bush's policy in the Middle East.

Trehwitt claims the keywords for Bush's Middle East policy will be "caution and moderation," though expectations are high.

An Arab-Israeli settlement under the next US administration is likely to have a less negative and more forward looking basis. Bush is known to be a moderate-centrist, a man who has no clear-cut, firm plans.

It is widely believed that Bush will continue Reagan's policy, as expounded in his second term. This means there will be no overt change in the US policy in the Middle East.

Challenge "The Middle East will be difficult for Bush. As a moderate, he would have liked to take a new initiative. But the peculiar relationship between Israel and US, expected to be harmonious



Henry Trehwitt

under the next administration, will prove a tough challenge for the non-committal Bush," explains Trehwitt.

The PLO has adopted a visible, moderate position, giving Bush "ammunition" to take a fresh initiative amid increasing diplomatic pressure to call an international conference on the Middle East. But this issue has been compounded by the complexities of politics in the region and its strategic importance.

Bush is expected to adopt a "wait and see" policy. "He will not exert early pressure, but will continue to advocate the moderate position," insists Trehwitt.

Apparently, Bush will not commit his personal prestige until he gets a better idea about the dynamic of politics in the area.

Trehwitt said Bush is expected to appoint a special Middle East envoy with explicit instructions to probe, as quietly as possible, the situation in the region over the next several months before he takes any immediate, direct initiative.

Iran The US can't ignore Iran's strategic importance. Its proximity to the Soviet Union was the driving force that led to the Iran-Contra deal.

Policy makers urge a shift, advocating a change that can improve US-Iran ties without humiliation or concessions, including a long trek on a bumpy path to normalising ties with Iran within the next couple of years.

Trehwitt sees a "visible improvement of ties between the Bush administration and the moderate forces in Iran." To

some extent, US-Iran ties will be determined by the leadership in Iran — the survival of Khomeini — and the dominant emergence of moderate forces in Tehran.

American influence has been a powerful, but an insufficient factor to calm the rough political weather in the region. The US moved into the Gulf last year, taking advantage of a "splendid opportunity" to ostensibly protect shipping in the region.

Now that the threat seems to have diminished, the US is expected to "build-down" military presence in the long run. The Americans have already recalled one cruiser and several smaller vessels — a fact that went unnoticed. It is unlikely that the Americans will get involved in any sort of direct conflict but they will play the "watchdog" to what they term protecting "minimal American interests."

"The installation of medium-range missiles is growing in the region and the US has lost the initiative. I don't see much hope of a build-down in that regard," predicts Trehwitt.

On a wider scale, the US will continue to talk to the Soviets as long as they are willing to; arms control will be a long drawn out,

tedious process, Trehwitt said. "There will be an inclination on the part of both superpowers to avoid an armed confrontation," insists Trehwitt. Allied help will not be forthcoming for a US confrontational policy.

Influence Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev is working for domestic development. The Soviets and Americans have adopted an artificial set of ground rules for their relationship, encouraging their allies to pursue their foreign policies with greater freedom.

"The world has changed and the Soviet-American ties are going to reflect that," explains Trehwitt.

Bush will continue to negotiate with China, and will have to work more co-operatively with its European allies if the NATO alliance is to hold.

Experts believe that Bush needs to define his policy, quickly and clearly, and early on in his administration.

"Initiatives should be taken quickly. It is a matter of setting parameters — the minimum and maximum position that the US can live with. He must act fairly, decisively," insists Trehwitt.

In the Gulf, Bush will want to preserve American influence without taking any bold initiative.

Basically, there will be continuity and no change, under the next American administration. Whether this is a good or bad sign only time can tell.



By Greg Myre

PRETORIA, (AP): The home-grown arms industry, insignificant before global sanctions were imposed in 1977, now meets the diverse needs of a powerful Army and has made South Africa one of the world's top 10 weapons exporters.

When the United Nations banned arms sales to South Africa 11 years ago, the country was producing barely 10 per cent of the weapons used by its Army, mostly small arms and ammunition.

South Africa, considered to have the continent's strongest Army, now makes 95 per cent of its own weapons and sells to 32 countries, according to the Armsaments Corp. of South Africa (ARMSCOR), the government-run weapons building company.

Once some of the current ARMSCOR projects reach fruition, the Army will be one of the best-equipped outside the major powers, fielding well-designed and well-made equipment optimised for its operational style," South African military analyst Helmoed-Romer Heitman wrote recently in Leadership magazine.

With ARMSCOR as the driving force, the secretive weapons industry has become South Africa's largest single exporter of manufactured goods.

It is illegal in South Africa to divulge details of the country's weapons sales, but Jane's Defence Weekly of London estimates South Africa sold \$900 million worth of arms last year to foreign countries.

ARMSCOR officials have refused to comment on the figure or identify its customers. But the corporation expects a turnover of \$1.2 billion this year, according to executive general manager Johan van Vuuren.

South Africa's international isolation makes it difficult for the country to display its wares or negotiate openly, and the United Nations now urges members not to buy weapons from South Africa.

However, South Africa has participated in annual arms shows in Chile in recent years and advertises in international defence magazines. One of ARMSCOR's selling advantages is that its weapons are battle-tested as a result of South

African military involvement in Angola, where troops fought alongside anti-Marxist rebels, and South-West Africa, the territory controlled by South Africa.

ARMSCOR, established the year UN sanctions were imposed, works closely with private businesses to design and build weapons systems suited for African warfare, where vast distances and rugged bush place a premium of mobility and reliability.

South Africa's G-5 and G-6 long-range artillery and mine-resistant armoured personnel carriers are among the best in the world, military analysts say. The country also is building advanced fighter planes, air-to-air missiles and remote-controlled reconnaissance aircraft.

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Van Vuuren said the Rooikat was "completely locally produced," with more than 100 South African companies involved in making the vehicle.

Mark Broughton, a spokesman for Jane's Defence Weekly, said he was impressed by the Rooikat's speed and range, but overall the vehicle "doesn't seem especially unique." He said West Germany, Switzerland and Italy had developed similar armoured cars.

Impressed South Africa's greatest difficulty in countering sanctions has been in the purchase and development of advanced aircraft, military analysts agree.

The Air Force still operates about 30 US-built, World War II-Vintage Dakota transport planes, believed to be the largest remaining active fleet of that model in the world.

South Africa's most advanced fighter plane, the 2-year-old Cheetah, is an updated version of the French Mirage III, which is over 20 years old.

By Jonathan S. Landay

COLOMBO, (UPI): Unlike the war by majority Tamils in the northeast, experts say the insurrection by extremists of the Sinhalese majority which grips much of the rest of Sri Lanka directly threatens the government and the democratic system.

The Tamil rebels seek independence from the Sinhalese. But the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (Peoples Liberation Front) appears determined to seize national power and impose a one-party rule under an ill-defined mixture of Marxism and nationalism.

Tactics The JVP began an intensified drive Nov 7 to create enough chaos through strikes, murders, intimidation and protests to reach its goal. Many Sri Lankans see no end to the worst crisis since independence from Britain in 1948.

"The JVP wants power by arms," said the head priest of a Buddhist temple who refused to give his name, like many terrified of the extremists. "They will come and split my throat."

Those who have known him say the JVP's elusive founder, Rohanna Wijeweera, switched tactics after failing to carry off an ill-planned student uprising in 1971. His new strategy masked his true intentions to gain time and support.

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True civil war threatens Sri Lanka

He began by exploiting the fierce nationalism of the Sinhalese majority, denouncing the 1987 Indian-backed plan designed to end the Tamil rebellion.

The government, analysts say, is playing into the JVP's hands. Feuds among top officials and Jayewardene's refusal to dissolve parliament and call elections has fuelled popular anger and enhanced the extremists' appeal.

"There is a national crisis here and nobody is trying to rise above it," said another diplomat. Unable to identify most of the JVP's estimated 5,000 members, the government has enacted emergency regulations removing all restraints on security forces, thereby exposing innocent civilians to excesses. Hundreds of suspects are reportedly being held without charge and many "disappearances" have been alleged.

Repression But repression is exactly what the JVP wants, since it will sow more instability, said Victor Ivan, who headed the group's military wing in the 1971 uprising and is now a magazine editor. "The government is falling into the classic trap of brute reaction," agreed Shanaka Amararatunga, leader of the Liberal Party.

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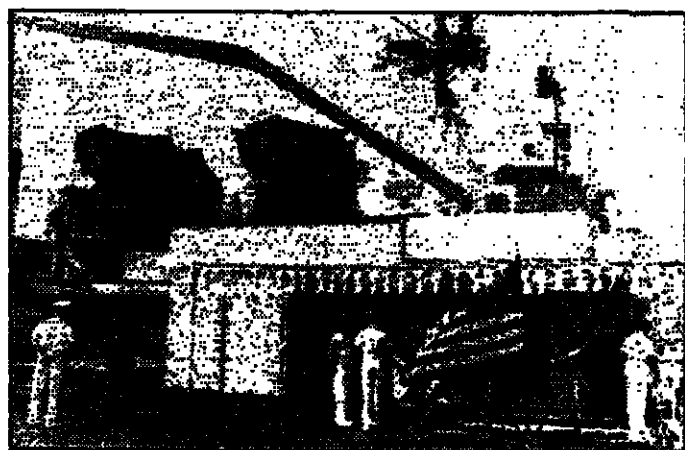
USS La Salle has spent 17 years in the Gulf

Great White Ghost of the Arabian coast

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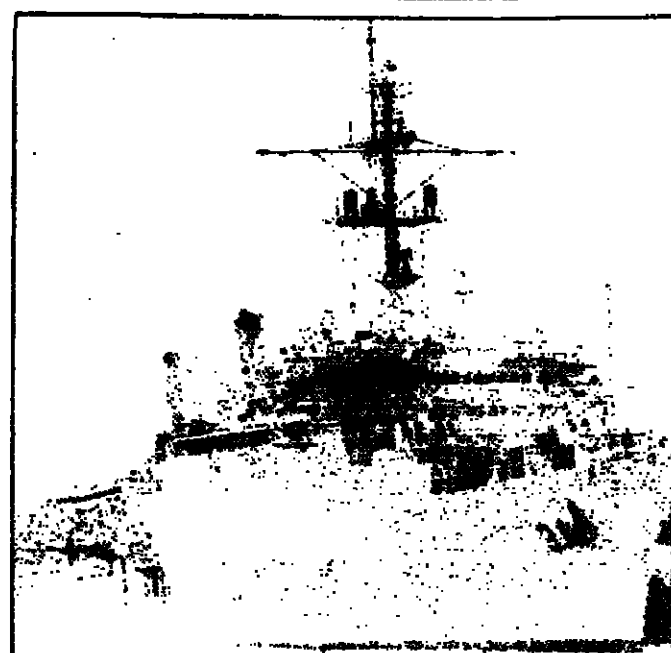
Jadranka Porter recently went on board the ship and talked to the crew.



Crew members converse on the Quarter-Deck, literally the 'front door' of the ship.



Jadranka Porter talks to crew members in the pilot house.



The USS La Salle: a home for the top brass in the US Gulf forces

IF the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war holds, the US will draw down on its fleet in the Gulf and the Gulf of Oman with many warships and forces gradually departing from waters that had them in a state of constant readiness for more than a year.

One ship that will probably not leave is the USS La Salle, the flagship for the commander of the Middle East Force.

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Disappointed

That is why those who expect her to be a heavily armed warship could be disappointed.

The USS La Salle, which has spent 17 years in the Gulf, is the only white ship in the US Navy, painted white to reflect the heat of the sun. Her colour and long tenure in the Middle East have earned her a label - The Great White Ghost of the Arabian Coast.

As she glides into the port she resembles a passenger liner. Only the communications equipment above her superstructure and the twin three-inch 50 calibre guns placed at her stern indicate her real identity. But as she draws closer her real splendour comes to the fore. The crew, motionless and dressed in impeccable white, man the rail and her numerous

Navy insignia give her a special dignity.

She is adorned with many flags, the US flag and the ship's own crest. There is a Union Jack on her bow hoisted when she enters the port, and a number of signal flags. A small dark blue flag with two golden stars indicates that Admiral Tony Less, the commander of the Joint Task Force, is on board.

Once she docks there is a semblance of holiday atmosphere aboard. Sailors and officers await briefing before they go ashore. The mood is relaxed and jovial.

In the lounge, officers read newspapers, watch baseball on a large TV screen and chat. In the adjacent dining room a lunch of salad, soup and club sandwiches is being served. Officers in different uniforms, that of the Marines, Army, Navy and Air Force greet visitors with "Welcome aboard."

Once the briefing begins, instructions for those going ashore make many officers burst into laughter. The Gulf ports after all, have little in common with those in Spain or the Philippines.

Expensive

Most sailors find their port calls too short and expensive, says the officer. "They feel they are welcome here, but it is a cool welcome," said a ranking officer.

Going ashore in the Gulf usually means shopping, an invitation to an American home and playing sports. The sailors are between 18 and 24 years of age. They are all

high school graduates and have undergone a year's training before joining the ship.

Many come from small towns and farms and have joined the Navy to see the world. They serve about three years and then if they choose, can re-enlist in the Navy.

The job entails a lot of self-sacrifice, said a ranking Marine officer. "Basically the choices you have had are narrowed down to very few," he said.

The toughest periods to bear are the week after leaving home and the one before returning home, said Joseph Bartlett, the public affairs officer.

The sailors are also motivated by terms of service which, Bartlett said, have considerably improved since the 1970s.

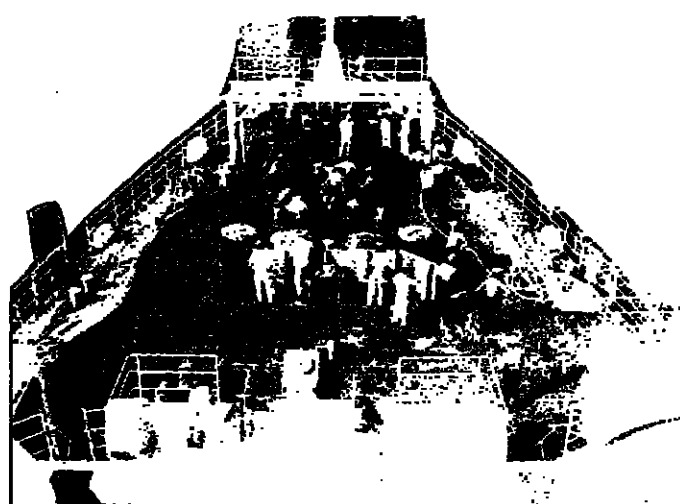
On the main deck there are few sailors, mainly those whose duty is to be there. In the pilot house several sailors are polishing the brass instruments.

Bartlett shows us the helicopter operations area in the rear of the ship adjacent to the areas where ceremonies and parties are held.

The ship has amphibious landing ability and as Bartlett said, she can "sink".

The USS La Salle is distinct from other US Navy ships as her primary mission is to provide flagship facilities and support for the commander of the Middle East Force.

One expects her to be a posh



Sailors on duty in the fore-end of the USS La Salle.

floating office, but in fact her interior is rather modest in appearance.

The Joint Task Force administration staff, which includes Army, Navy, Air Force officers and the Marines numbers 125, but she also carries 450 crew members.

Being a home for the top brass in the US Gulf Forces, the USS La Salle could be rather vulnerable. But her routes are always carefully planned and she is accompanied by warships, the officers said.

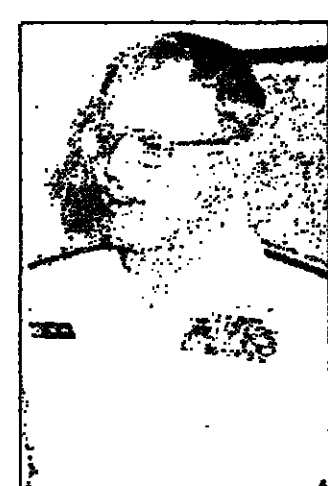
"She is not made for gunnery, but she is sufficiently armed for self-defence," said

Bartlett.

Her design, which includes a maze of narrow corridors and rooms which all look alike, appears complicated.

Bartlett, who has only been on the ship for two weeks, still gets lost and occasionally has to ask for directions. He takes us to the flag briefing room, the most important room on the ship where all crucial decisions are, if not made, then at least discussed.

It was in this room, which appears pretty small and rather ordinary, that the top officers of the USS La Salle must have debated the course of action the



Admiral Tony Less: commander of the Joint Task Force on board the La Salle

USS Vincennes should take before she downed the Iranian airliner in July this year, killing all 290 on board.

"The ship (The Vincennes) came back to us and told us what they had, they told us what they saw on the scene and what they intended to do. Our response was that the airplane must be warned," said Less.

It was also in this room that measures to prevent the recurrence of a similar incident must have been discussed.

The chance of an unarmed airliner being shot down now is extremely remote, the admiral added.

"There was a lot of stress then. Many small boats went on rampage shooting at the merchant ships and the Navy. Iran chose to allow their commercial airliner to keep flying right over that spot, recalled Less. Such highly-charged situations no longer exist, he added.

Indeed, the crew and officers admit that after the cease-fire the atmosphere has become more relaxed, although constant vigilance is being maintained.

But it is the mines that are now the primary danger, not only for the Navy, but also for merchant shipping.

Leading the US mine clearing effort is the Mine Countermeasures Group Commander Tony Kibble. Mine searching is a high-risk job, he says and the most reliable system is keeping an eye out for the mines.

Sonar is also used, he said, but water conditions often affect its performance.

History

The US Navy also uses a remote control vehicle which is immersed in the water to pinpoint the location of the mines. The mines are detonated by an explosives ordnance team which is part of the US Mine Countermeasures Group Command. Other navies which do not have such teams shoot and explode the mines from a safe

distance, said Kibble.

The history of the USS La Salle, known for its mobility, flexibility and versatility, is one of flirting with danger.

Her operating schedule has been far from routine. She has often headed for places engulfed in a crisis and performed with distinction.

Commissioned in 1964 as one of the newest class of amphibious ships, the USS La Salle first served as a flagship for Atlantic Fleet amphibious forces during the Dominican crisis in 1965 and evacuated forces from Cuba during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

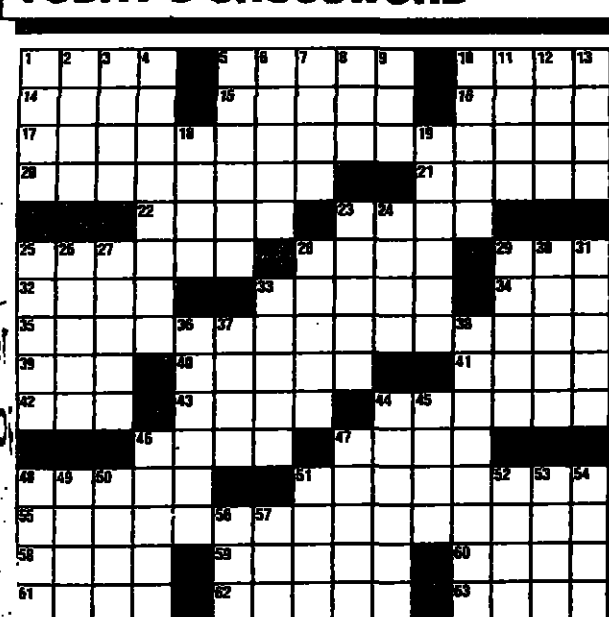
In 1966 the USS La Salle became the first ship of her size to successfully recover and return a Project Gemini space capsule to Cape Canaveral.

In 1972, after an extensive overhaul, the USS La Salle became the flagship for the Commander of the Middle East Force. It was then that she was painted white to reduce the heat effect on her 15,000 tons of metal. During the second overhaul in 1980 her air-conditioning capacity was increased.

In 1979 the USS La Salle assisted in the evacuation of 260 American and foreign civilian nationals from the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas.

In the late 1970s the USS La Salle became the focal point of the US activity in the Arabian Gulf. That she remains until the present day.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Judge's seat
 - Search high and low
 - The first Mrs. Copperfield
 - Felish: Var
 - Michael's films
 - "Lid" is one
 - Pokes along
 - High calibers
 - Free-for-all
 - Summer refreshers
 - Roe
 - Showered
 - Sheltered bay
 - Top naval commanders
 - Abbr.
 - Egyptian dancing girl
 - Author of rags-to-riches tales
 - Item at the door
 - Poke along
 - Part of G. B.
 - Tof's spouse
 - Mortgage
 - volente
 - ernstein opus
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

RETAIN RUB CLAN
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TEASER ELS IVAN
SPAR EPI SODE
TUNA GUNS ASTA
ARAL IRS SIERRA
MEXICANHAIRLESS
PETAIN ODD AVIS
SONG BRIE NONE
CAPITOL TRET
SKIRED SIRE
AIDA CST NORMAL
STEW OUR EUNICE
HEEL SPY SEISTET

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ASK FOR HELP

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH

♠ A 8 6 2
♥ A 9 7
♦ Q 8 2
♣ Q 8 6

WEST

♠ K 9 7 3
♥ K Q J 3
♦ J 9
♣ 10 7 5

EAST

♠ 10 5 4
♥ 6
♦ 10 7 6 3
♣ K J 9 3 2

SOUTH

♠ Q J
♥ 10 8 5 4 2
♦ A K 5 4
♣ A 4

The bidding:

North East South West
Pass Pass 1 NT Pass
3 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♥

Your opponents are not supermen—once in a while they will get off to their second-best opening lead. In those cases, make sure you do everything possible to persuade them to continue their losing attack.

This deal is from a Pro-Am night, and the experts sat in the South and East seats. That accounts for the rather eccentric one no trump opening bid by South. Both North's initial action and subsequent jump to the no trump game

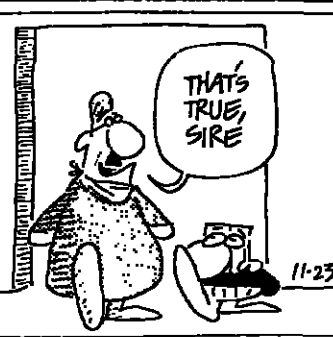
receive the wholehearted endorsement of this department.

West led the king of hearts, and declarer congratulated himself on having avoided the possibly lethal club lead. His first task was to try to prevent the defenders from shifting to a club before he had the heart suit established, so he took care to play low from dummy on the first trick while dropping the eight of hearts from hand. Not surprisingly, West elected to continue with the queen of hearts (A low heart would have been no better.) Declarer took dummy's ace and persevered with the nine to force out West's last stopper.

In with the jack of hearts, West found the excellent switch to the ten of clubs, but declarer now had three chances for his contract. First, he put up the queen of clubs from dummy, then captured East's king with the ace. When the possibility that West had the king of clubs did not materialize, declarer tried three rounds of diamonds, ending in hand. Because of the 4-2 split, that too failed to produce the ninth trick. Fortunately, the spade finesse worked, and declarer scored two tricks in that suit, three in each red suit and the ace of clubs—nine tricks in all.

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to make up your mind. If you are in too much of a hurry you are liable to make a mistake that could be almost disastrous. You should not try to use force either. Be reliable.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

The Moon's less favourable influence will render you more liable to make mistakes. You should try not to burn your boats. Work hard but try to enjoy life to the full. Be confident.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will have some success in meeting your plans. However you must make sure you do not allow yourself to be distracted. Do not always think how much better off others are: they are not. Be more tolerant.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will feel more like your usual self today. Avoid allowing yourself to get into a rut. You will be too pleased with yourself, at both sides of the story. Be tactful.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will find the solution to a problem that has been evading you. You should not allow others to tell you what to do. Venus' better influence will help you to enjoy yourself. Be sincere.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will be able to do something most interesting but you should avoid exaggerations. Also avoid spending money as if you were made of it. Ensure you are dressed correctly for the occasion. Be less dictatorial.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

This is not going to be a rather trying day for you. Make sure you do not do anything that is likely to be misleading. Stick strictly to the subject. Be hopeful.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You should try to show a little more goodwill towards others. The Sun's more powerful influence coupled with that of Neptune will help you to stick to your guns. Do not do anything that would be contrary to your principles.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will find yourself being rather more inventive. Someone who declares himself to be a friend of yours will prove not to be. You are far more liable to make mistakes. Be responsive.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19

Others will be more likely to agree with you but you must make sure you do not ask too much of them. Also make sure you deserve their trust. Avoid eating simply out of habit. Be generous.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You should have a little more faith in yourself and confidence in others. Do not allow yourself to be frustrated when dealing with a new subject. Ensure you do not neglect your private life. Be resilient.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You should examine the alternatives carefully before making up your mind. You should try to exercise a little more self-discipline. You should not allow curiosity to get the better of you. Be observant.



Rampant in the Third World but growing in the West too

Condemned to a life of inhumane bondage

By Mary Kemp

UNDER the scorching sun and a nomadic village in North Africa, British author Roger Sawyer was offered a slave girl to take back to England.

She was seven years old, barefoot but dressed in a pretty blue-and-pink dress. And when she overheard her master's offer to give her away, she burst into tears.

Roger spent the next hour drinking mint tea and camel milk, trying to persuade the slavemaster that he had not come to buy a slave.

Roger had arrived with a cover story that he was doing a global study of child welfare.

He had not come to buy a slave. His real purpose was to discover the full extent of the slave trade. Not surprisingly, governments are very hesitant about issuing visas for anyone investigating slavery.

The rotund slavemaster was the first person to greet Roger in the village. But when Roger's interpreter introduced him as a "man interested in children" the slavemaster naturally thought he wanted a slave and offered the little girl sitting nearby.

Shocked

Roger was so shocked he could not be angry. He recalls: "The little girl was clearly well looked after and sitting happily next to her mother."

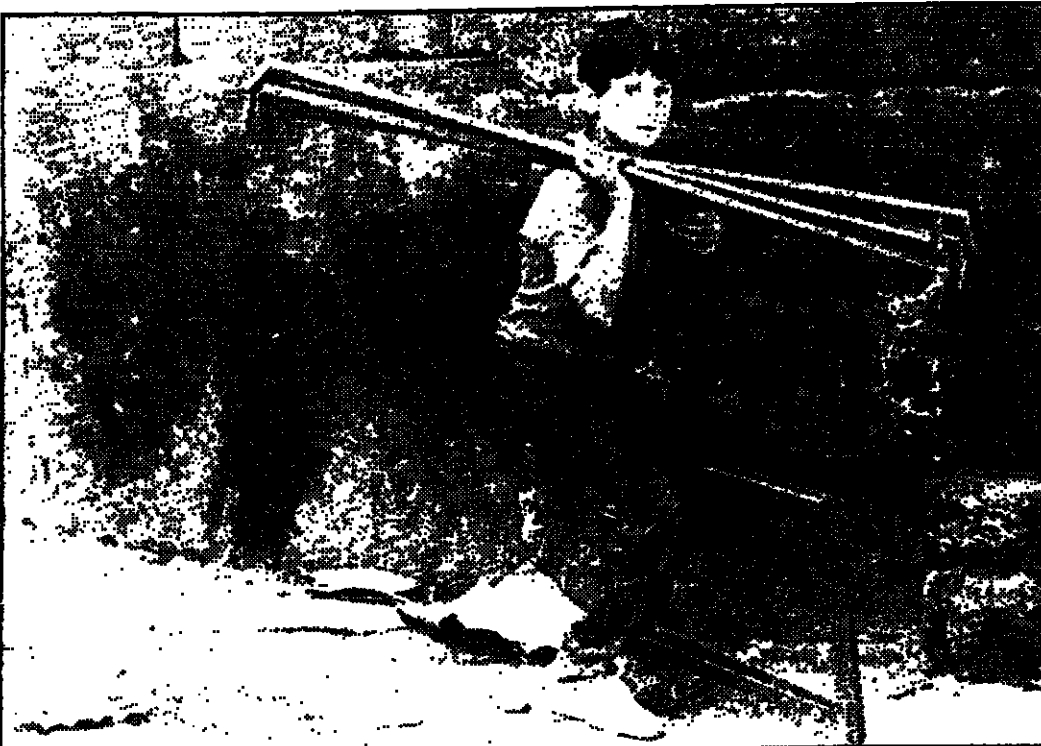
"So I asked the slavemaster, 'Wouldn't she be happier with her mother?' Where upon I was offered the mother as well!"

"But I was seeing the nicer side of slavery," says Roger, who reveals there are more slaves in the world now than when slavery was made illegal in the last century.

The three-year-old girl chained by her ankle in the cellar of a Bangkok drugs factory is one of the sadder cases. She had spent her life moulding heroin into pellets with her nimble little fingers, until they were suitable for drug smuggling.

It is the vulnerability of children that has inspired 57-year-old Roger to highlight their plight in his book, *Children Enslaved*. As a father of two

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An Italian child slave collecting scrap metal.

and a former headmaster, Roger has spent all his working life with children, until he took early retirement to become a full-time author.

His interest in slavery began when he was teaching on the Isle of Wight. There was a 12-year-old boy called Pedro in his class, the son of a Venezuelan minister. As Roger was interested in the plight of the South American Indian, he asked the boy what his government was doing to help the Indians.

The boy replied: "We are trying to exterminate them, Sir."

Roger says: "I was so dumbstruck I couldn't think what to say, but it started my interest in slavery."

"I was also further drawn into a study of slavery by a man called Roger Casement, after my wife Diana gave me a book

of his poems as a wedding anniversary present. He was probably the greatest anti-slavery campaigner this century," says Roger, whose first book was in fact a biography of Casement.

A year later in 1985 Roger was awarded the prestigious Airey award for his research into the concept of freedom in international law. With the £10,000 prize money he set out to research *Children Enslaved*.

Researching the book took Roger from the red-light districts of Paris to the carpet factories of India. In Thailand he found children working in the massage parlours of Bangkok. Across the Thai border in Malaysia, the same children are sold for as much as £1,000 because of the great demand for domestic servants.

Roger explains: "A lot has to do with tradition. Once, in time of famine, it was respectable to give away your child."

"Now in north-eastern Thailand where the rice crop is totally inadequate, children are put into massage parlours."

In Sudan the slave markets are more like cattle markets where children are rounded up and sold for about £40.

Revelations

In his book Roger reveals there are at least 200 million children enslaved around the world, working in carpet factories, on farms and in the sex industry. They are frequently ill-treated and made to work for hours on end.

Most of Roger's revelations are quite horrific. Like the little children, some only six years

old, who work in the shoe industry in Naples. The glue they use is not only fast sticking but also very poisonous and paralyses many of the children who work with it.

Roger says: "Children are like timber—you can always grow some more. But, unlike timber, you don't have to wait."

Child labour is also free. There is no need for any health regulations, tax or unionisation because slave children know their only chance of being freed is if they keep their mouths shut.

In his book, Roger describes how the young boys used in the Indian carpet industry work a 20-hour day. In one northern Indian factory, any boy who stops working is beaten with an iron rod or length of bamboo. Anyone who cries is hit with a stone tied in a cloth, and the punishment for trying to escape is to be hung upside down from a tree and branded in the armpit.

In India, children are often sold by mothers desperate for a few rupees for the rest of their large families. Others are mortgaged to moneylenders in order to buy food.

Roger explains: "These are called debt-bondage slaves and there are about five million in India. Many men mortgage themselves because they can't pay off their debts. But when they grow too old or ill to be a fit slave, they lobby their sons to pay off their debts."

Although slavery is widespread in the Third World, it is also growing in Western cities such as New York, London and Paris.

In Europe and America child slaves work in the sex industry in "kiddie-porn" and prostitution. "The physical suffering of children used in the pornographic film industry, in prostitution and in the narcotics trade makes the child labourers of the Third World seem privileged in comparison," Roger writes in his book. And he claims child prostitution is on the increase in major Western cities.

In Paris there are an estimated 8,000 child prostitutes, while in London police recently uncovered an evil ring of pimps working with 14-year-old boys in the bright lights of the West End.

Roger says: "Most of the male prostitutes in London are boys who have run away from the north of England in the hope of discovering a more exciting life."

"But they soon run out of money and are hungry and homeless. It is then they are picked up by the pimps who hang around Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square."

"I also know of cases in Hampshire and of one on the



Children in a Middle Eastern country working in the brass industry.

Isle of Wight," he adds.

In his book Roger has exposed a growing evil. But he has also set out to find solutions

to child slavery.

He says: "The trouble in India is the poverty and caste system. Nationwide compul-

sory education is the only thing that could solve the slave problem there."

"In Africa, custom is stronger than law. Although slavery has been abolished, children are still being used as slaves. The United Nations could create schemes to employ these technically free slaves, which would not interrupt the custom."

"The answer to child prostitution is to make sure vulnerable children are given paid, worthwhile jobs instead of being lured into seedy employment."

So while the menace of child slavery spreads, what is being done to combat the problem?

With a sadly resigned air, Roger Sawyer says: "The United Nations meets for just five days once a year to deal with the problem of slavery. A lot more should be done there."

Children Enslaved, published by Routledge at £19.95.



A young girl working in a shoe factory in Italy.



A child slave in the Middle East working in a tobacco factory.



A child slave in Africa working in a pottery.



A South American child slave fishing.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND BREAST-FEEDING

QUESTION: I'm now 8 and 1/2 months pregnant, and I'm proud to say I've abstained from virtually all my vices and didn't even take an aspirin when I had a headache throughout my pregnancy. I'm going to breast-feed, and I'm wondering if it's possible for me to have an occasional alcoholic drink or a cup of coffee once again. Also, is it safe for me to take aspirin or an antacid?

ANSWER: Congratulations on your exemplary behaviour during your pregnancy. You've surely helped your baby during its development by abstaining from everything you've mentioned.

The key word in answering your questions about what is permissible while breast-feeding is the word occasional. Although alcohol passes freely into breast milk, moderate ingestion (up to two drinks a day for the mother) probably will have an insignificant effect on your baby. Binge drinkers

and chronic alcoholics, however, should not breast-feed unless they abstain from alcohol, as high levels of ethanol have been reported to cause sedation in infants.

Caffeine from coffee, colas, tea, chocolate and other sources is excreted into breast milk in low amounts, but tends to accumulate in newborns when the mother ingests a lot of it. Therefore, you'll be within a relatively safe range if you have less than five caffeinated beverages or products daily. More than that and your baby may become irritable and have poor sleep patterns.

When you have a headache, it is permissible to occasionally take aspirin or ibuprofen (contained in products such as Nuprin and Advil). However, if you take aspirin too frequently, your baby might bruise easily.

If you need an antacid, choose one in which the main ingredient is aluminium or

magnesium since they're probably safe in minimal use.

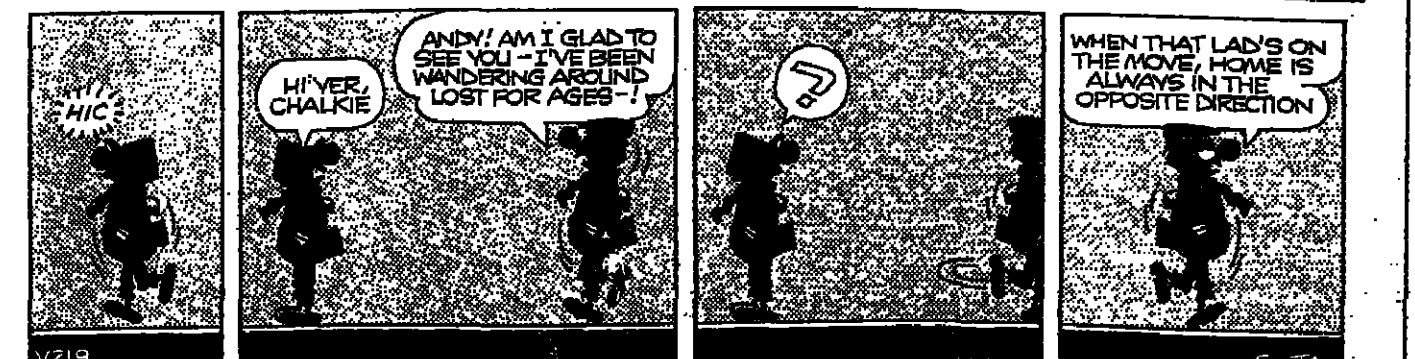
Other medications to treat various ailments may be permissible while breast-feeding, but make sure your doctor knows you are lactating. Remember that timing is critical? You should breast-feed your baby just before taking a drink, having coffee or any medication, and then delay nursing for four hours. The drugs or drinks you take will have their highest potency in your milk 30 minutes to two hours after taking them.

To the best of my knowledge, the above information concerns "safe" behaviour. Being "sure" is something else again, and would mean continuing the same rigid discipline you demonstrated throughout your pregnancy. Perhaps that would be the best plan of action.

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Acid House: latest UK fad

By Claudia Rader

LONDON, (Reuters): The drug-induced death of a 21-year-old woman at an 'Acid House' party last month has blackened the image of the latest music and pop culture craze to hit the British scene.

Fans of Acid House music, decked out in fluorescent T-shirts and bandannas, smile dreamily, wave their hands in the air and strut to the heavy-rhythm sounds under pulsating strobes.

The style is psychedelic, the fans are mostly teenagers and the message is "have a good time".

Some are hailing Acid House as this decade's answer to the hard, angry, aggression of 1970s punk rock or a renewal of 1960s Flower Power.

But health workers are worried that beyond the friendly, mindless fun may lie growing use of the hallucinogenic LSD and the amphetamine-based designer drug MDMA, or 'ecstasy'.

"Certainly LSD has made a big comeback in the sense that it's far more widely available than it was a year ago," said Ian Wardle, a drug project worker in Newham in east London. "MDMA is available at clubs and Acid House parties in the borough regularly."

Drugs

Nanny Janet Mayes died after she popped two pills of 'ecstasy', collapsing at an 'Acid House' disco in a London suburb, the popular Sun newspaper reported.

The tabloid press intensified a campaign against Acid House with articles about drugs and dancing orgies under such banners as "the evil of ecstasy" and "the danger of acid house".

Some retailers marketing the 'Smiley' T-shirts and badges that are the uniform of Acid House fans, swiftly withdrew the products despite a sales boom, to dissociate themselves from the fad.

The Acid House style — a

hypnotic 130-beats-a-minute fusion of synthesised sounds with no vocals and no clear musical line — emerged in 1985 from a Chicago movement known as House.

It came to London the following year and began catching on at nightclubs with names like Trip, Spirit of Ecstasy and Trance, where one night a week is set aside to turn on the strobe lights and pump out the dry ice clouds that are the hallmark of many Acid House haunts.

"I like it because I can dance any way I like, it's friendly, there's no aggression here — everyone's nice to each other," said Paul, sweating profusely as he stepped off the dance floor at the Peace club, in Leicester Square.

Nearly, under huge heart-shaped 'Peace' signs, clean-faced young people wearing regulation garb — headbands, jeans and yellow Smiley face T-shirts sporting slogans like 'I Love Acid' and 'Have a Nice Trip' — danced with endless energy in the robotic, Acid House style.

Paul said he took ecstasy — a drug synthesised from amphetamines, euphoric drugs like opium and mild psychedelics like mescaline — the first time he went to an Acid House club.

"It was great, it made me very aware of my surroundings and it made me feel friendly," he said. But he said he no longer took drugs and preferred clubs without them.

Wardle said the Acid House craze was sweeping through schools, starting among 13- and 14-year-olds.

Hype

"There's an umbrella culture that a lot of young kids will subscribe to. But the extent to which they are taking hard drugs is hard to know," he said.

Police say there has been an increase in ecstasy seizures, but no evidence of a boom in use of the drug, which was first synthesised in 1914 but did not become popular until it hit the US party set in the mid-1980s.

However, alarmed by a blitz



The scene at an Acid House disco in London. Smiley face Tee-shirts are part of the culture.

of media hype about vacant-eyed, drug-crazed kids packing Acid House. Venues, club owners have cracked down. Patrons are now searched at the door and bouncers patrol the premises to prevent any drug dealing.

"Heaven is a drug-free zone," warn signs posted around one nightclub under railway arches in central London.

Managers of the Acid House night there decided to take the drastic step of closing down the club and reopening it under a new name in an effort to discourage drug users. "We're tired of having a load of acid-heads... we're trying to create something for people who want to stay on top of the scene and not get involved with drugs," said a club spokeswoman.

Create

Some insist drugs were never an integral part of the movement. The name Acid House, they say, is taken not from LSD but from the black Chicago slang 'Acid Burn', meaning to steal, because music producers snatch and borrow sounds from other recordings to make their tracks.

"The drug scene has only happened because a few acid-heads came to clubs to take drugs and go berserk and give us a bad name," said Peace man-

ager Tony Johnson.

"Drugs are not what we're into. We're just trying to create an atmosphere like having a party with all your friends, where you can be a bit more free-spirited and enjoy yourself. We want people to be more caring about each other," he said.

The Acid House trend has begun to push into the fashion world; young designers and even established haute couture houses are peppering their spring collections with Smiley faces, fringes, bandannas and tie-dyed materials reminiscent of 1960s hippie styles.

Music stores report brisk sales in Acid House records: seven of last week's top 50 singles were Acid House tracks. "It's all we get asked for at the moment," said Derry Watkins, manager at the Virgin megastore music emporium.

Some believe Acid House is a flash-in-the-pan and say people will soon tire of its limited musical range. But the style has already begun to evolve, drawing in strains of European dance music, and is being played in clubs on the continent.

"The music may change but the scene will stay. People just won't forget what a good time they're having," said Nightlife critic Dave Swindells.

Gruelling fun

By Sophie Quinn-Judge

THEY bring their Olympic dreams here.

At the superbly equipped Sport Club of the Moscow Trade Union Council, nine- and 10-year-old girls race down a long mat, turn four neat hand-springs, and land in a pit of foam rubber. Do they enjoy training? They look at each other and giggle. "Of course," says one. "It's fun here — we're with our friends."

Gruelling fun. The day opens with limo-stretching exercises that bring tears to these tiny athletes' eyes. "Does it ever hurt?" one little girl is asked. "Sometimes," she says, in courageous understatement.

For would-be Soviet gymnasts, the path to the Olympics invariably starts in club schools such as this. The government pays all expenses, and the trainers receive regular teacher's salaries. The trade union school is a very ordinary one, head trainer Victor Vasilyevich explains. "There are schools like this in every region of Moscow, and all over the Soviet Union," he says. His school hasn't yet produced any champions, as have others, like Moscow's venerable Central

Army Sports Club. But, like his students, he is hopeful.

The gifted children selected for this four-year-old school train four hours a day, six days a week. The staff appears to be tough, but compassionate; Vasilyevich says the school's main goal is to make the children healthy and to teach them to love gymnastics.

Nevertheless, the practice of engaging young children in such intensive physical training has its critics.

After the 1980 training accident which left one Soviet hopeful, Yelena Mukhina, paralyzed, some Soviets began to speak out against the pressure on child gymnasts. The youngest children in the trade union school are, in fact, only six. Some of them have trouble telling their right leg from their left.

Vasilyevich counters that "unlucky accidents" can happen in any sports, and that the children "don't feel a burden."

"Sport is youth," he says. At the end of the session, the girls are bundled away, weary and exhilarated, by waiting grandmothers.

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.



A coach stretches an aspiring Olympic gymnast at a Moscow training club.

Compliment pleases Raisa

NEW DELHI, (UPI): Raisa Gorbachev, delighted by a remark that she is the main reason for her husband's rise to the top of the Soviet hierarchy, asked her admirer to put the compliment in writing.

The Soviet first lady displayed her renowned qualities of charm and assertion during a meeting with prominent Indian women shortly after arriving in New Delhi accompanying her husband, Mikhail Gorbachev, on a three-day official visit.

Sonia Gandhi, wife of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, escorted Mrs Gorbachev to meet the all-female editorial staff of the Hamari Goshthi, a magazine that deals exclusively with women's issues in India and the Soviet Union.

Najma Heptullah, director of the publication and member of parliament, told the Soviet first

lady that behind every successful man there is a strong woman, and that Mrs Gorbachev was the main reason why her husband had reached the top of the Soviet hierarchy.

"Please, please write this for me," quipped a smiling Mrs Gorbachev.

To laughter from the group, the statement was scrawled on a note and handed to Mrs. Gorbachev who said she would ensure the idea became known to the Kremlin chief.

Mrs Gorbachev, dressed in a well-tailored, ivory-coloured suit, appeared relaxed and jovial during the 90-minute session, frequently breaking the reserve of the initially nervous women.

The tour was the only event planned specially for Mrs Gorbachev, who accompanied her husband to the finale of a year-long Soviet cultural festival.



Raisa Gorbachev: delighted by a remark

US sociologists puzzled by their own 'sociologese'

By Ian Ball

NEARLY 2,000 American sociologists headed home from Atlanta recently after their annual convention with more than a few wondering if their get-togethers now require something akin to United Nations simultaneous translation.

Of course the sociologists speak English but their jargon and coined words have become so obscure that many confessed they didn't know what their colleagues were talking about. The denseness of what one elegant called 'sociologese' came a minor theme at the convention, with some sociologists taking the podium to berate their colleagues.

"We do often use barbarous language," said Mr Lewis Ozer, one of sociology's most respected figures. "We tend to nit-pick for each other but we don't always understand each other."

Another speaker, Mr Todd Tulin, of the University of California at Berkeley, assailed colleagues for "inward-turning, indecipherable prose that takes the line from complex to obscurity."

Fog

In the linguistic fog, simple words took on entirely new meanings. One panelist used the word 'ipit' to mean a preference for form of behaviour. The topic homosexual behaviour he talked about regional scripts, meaning sexual habits, and national scripts' meaning

long-term, romantic relationships.

Another left his colleagues scratching their heads when he spoke of "the discourse of status ambivalence in clothing and fashion". He was talking about the confusion in selecting clothes to make a good impression.

In a discussion on the impact of society on women's sexual habits, one delegate offered this observation:

"In the emphasis on diversity, the notion of a hegemonic sexual discourse is deconstructed, even among those who claim to have one. The exploration of sexuality within feminism is attentive to the post-modern concern with the multiplying mutations of the self."

'Hegemonic' and 'hegemony' are high on the list of the trendy new terms in American sociology.

Feminists use 'hegemonic' to describe what they regard as the disproportionate power held by men in society. Thus, sociologists in Atlanta heard about 'hegemonic masculinity' and 'hegemonic ideologies'.

Once the ear was attuned to this sort of jargon, a reference to 'inequalities in the sex-gender system' could be understood as meaning unequal opportunities for men and women.

The New York Times yesterday lamented this trend, suggesting "many of the words and phrases current today are simply unnecessary, or, as in other disciplines, are used to give an appearance of profundity and complexity to concepts that turn out to be rather ordinary."

'Poor little rich girl' dies at age 37

Christina Onassis: a life tinged with tragedy

ATHENS: Christina Onassis inherited great wealth and power in her twenties as head of her father's Greek shipping empire but also made headlines through a stormy private life tinged with tragedy.

One of the world's wealthiest women, she died in suburban Buenos Aires on Saturday, three weeks short of her 38th birthday.

Labelled the quintessential 'Poor little rich girl' by the popular press, she lost her brother Alexander, her mother Tina Livanos and her father Aristotle within 27 months by the time she was 24 years old.

In quick succession she married and then divorced an American, a Greek, a Russian, and a Frenchman. In 1985, during her fourth and final marriage, she had a daughter, Athina.

The only daughter of multi-millionaire shipowner Aristotle Onassis, she grew up in New York, Paris, Athens and Monte Carlo familiar with such celebrities as Greta Garbo and Sir Winston Churchill. One man who knew then called her the 'youngest jet-setter in the world'.

With her father's death in 1975 she buckled down to becoming his heir in fact as well as in name, taking over the intricate worldwide business organisation he had built.

It was a tremendous assignment. The estate at the time of her father's death was

estimated to be worth \$400 million and \$1 billion. Forbes magazine in late 1987 however said Christina 'may not even be a quarter-billionaire' because of the worldwide slump in the shipping industry.

After her father's death, she returned to her New York birthplace to study under Constantine Gratos, a leading financial adviser, heading her father's operations in the United States. She then worked at the company's head office in Monaco.

Dispute

But her name continued to make headlines over financial disputes with tax authorities and claims on her father's will.

One of her bitterest battles was with her stepmother, Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, widow of President John Kennedy, who married the shipping magnate in 1968.

To settle a 60 million dollar inheritance tax debt to the Greek government, Christina gave up the 325-foot family yacht which her father had named after her.

As a child, she had had her own playroom aboard, complete with a miniature model of a gambling machine and dolls clothed by French Designer Christian Dior. She was said to have ridden on pure-bred ponies given to her by the king of Saudi Arabia.

French and English governesses were kept aboard the yacht to teach her French and



Christina Onassis: her life had all the elements of a Greek tragedy

English while she cruised on the Mediterranean. She later also learned Italian and Spanish.

Her father wooed Maria Callas on the yacht, leaving Christina's mother Tina in 1960 for the famous Diva, and causing a rift in a loving relationship with his daughter.

When he died from bronchial pneumonia it was generally accepted the Onassis empire would be far less of a single-personality operation than it

had been.

With help from a trusted team of financial advisers, Christina presided over the 40-ship fleet, which with its total 3.5 million deadweight tons is bigger than many world navies.

She owned the business empire with the Alexander Onassis foundation, named for her brother who died in 1973 after the private plane he was piloting crashed on take-off at Athens.

The foundation, based in Liechtenstein, awards annual public achievement prizes to world personalities and institutions and grants graduate scholarships to talented Greeks.

In recent years Christina Onassis had concentrated on how best to keep the Onassis empire afloat during a slump in the Greek shipping industry.

Tired

But at her wedding to her fourth husband she indicated she was growing tired of business. She told reporters she wanted only to be a loyal partner to her husband, a millionaire who runs 12 companies, including a male model agency.

Her first marriage in 1971 to Californian real estate dealer Joseph Bloker, a man more than twice her age, so shocked and angered her father that he disinherited her. When she divorced less than a year later, her father relented.

Four months after her father's death, she married Alexander Andreadis, the son of a Greek banking and industrial family, hoping to have a child. She did not become pregnant and friends said she resorted to Greek fortune tellers to find out why.

The wedding that raised the most eyebrows was to a 37-year-old Soviet state shipping official, Sergei Kauzov, in 1978.

Before the marriage could satisfy speculation about how the famous millionaires could adjust to the austere Soviet system, the couple's divorce provided an answer.

Christina, whose dark eyes and pensive expression resembled those of her father, became in 1982 the first woman to be elected to the board of the Greek union of shipowners, one of the world's richest of rich men's clubs.

Educated in New York, Lausanne, Switzerland, and briefly in London, she has a penchant for fine dining and elegant clothes and was known to worry about her weight, widely reported to have topped 200 pounds (90 kg) at times.

French pharmaceutical heir and businessman Thierry Roussel, her fourth and final husband who at one time had been her teenage sweetheart, promised to marry her if she lost weight. According to press reports she did — 25 pounds (10 kg) in three months.

That marriage too ran aground, and their divorce was finalised early in 1987.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Forex Club president chairs seminar on technical analysis

Moving averages, oscillators 'vital market instruments'

By M.C. Bose

A PARIS-BASED currency market analyst has said oversold market, moving averages and oscillators are vital market instruments particularly when the market picks up steam and seems volatile.

The Kuwait Forex Club conducted a seminar on technical analysis on Saturday at Kuwait Sheraton. Essa M. Al Attal, deputy manager of the foreign operation department of Kuwait Central Bank and president of the Forex Club, presided over the seminar. He also introduced the key speakers, Riccardo Tullino, managing director of Fintrend and Guy Ripley, international marketing manager of the same firm.

Prices

Tullino said the application of the oscillator as an overbought or oversold indicator with a historical study of the differences (as a gauge of volatility) points out an excessive move in reference to a moving average, another study related to the velocity and by the way of angles. He emphasized that the importance of an induced correction from overbought or oversold conditions depends on the length of the moving averages combined.

He said calculations of the difference between two moving averages is most often used on the basis of closing prices.

The result is plotted above a zero line as long as the difference is positive and below the line



Essa M. Al Attal (right) pictured with Riccardo Tullino.

when the difference is found negative.

"The moving average is a trend-following device which is one of the most widely used in technical analysis. It is the basis for the most mechanical trend-following system," Tullino said.

The average of all the rates in a certain length of time is completed each day. One takes the last known rate of each day. Chartists have several moving averages for different lengths of time, for instance four, nine and 18 days. He added that "if the rate breaks while the moving average is going up, the upward trend will continue. If the rate breaks the moving average on the way down, the downward trend will continue."

Device

He said: "They are essentially a trend follower device. They perform very poorly when markets are trending sideways. They are particularly useful when combined with oscillators."

based purely on economic factors. Technical analysis reveals market trends and reactions, but they have one thing in common. Both use past data to project the estimate of the future. The fundamental facts can suggest a market strategy whereas technical analysis will be able to give the price levels.

Movement

He said: "We set charts of the price movement out of which we interpret the patterns. We also use other parameters which are meant to record the speed of the market's relative strength index."

A head and shoulder shape signals the end of a strong upward movement and indicates a reversal of the trend. The length of the shape is about two or three months.

The relative strength index (RSI) is a parameter which establishes the degree of acceleration of a market. It also shows the percentage of upward movements (by value) of a market compared to all



Some of those who attended the seminar.

movements — positive or negative by value. Tullino said Fintrend uses a period of 15 trading days to determine the momentum of 14 differences of closing prices and for futures a period of nine trading days is used. This momentum is based on a scale of a zero to 100 per cent. The area of zero to 50 momentum represents zero to 50 per cent of the movements and pressures that the positive movements were in the minority.

Tool

Tullino said volume of trading is another subsidiary tool used with charts. Precise and accurate volume figures are not available

on cash markets, and most particularly on foreign exchange markets as well as gold (except on the Tokyo market), while they are regularly recorded, mostly daily, on the futures exchange.

System

Fintrend was founded in 1986. It specialises in the analysis and forecasting of the market trends as defined by the relationship between the behaviour and the reactions of the sophisticated market techniques of the international financial markets (Forex and Credit Markets). It also offers a series of pages especially conceived for the trader-dealer on the cash and

futures markets.

Fintrend transmits by the telex system in 34 countries around the world on 3,000 screens (between 3,500 and 4,000 readers) a daily technical analytical service with a minimum of three updates per day. It covers three major areas: Foreign exchange/spot-rate, rates of the major currencies, futures markets, credit market, indices, monies and precious metals.

Leading Kuwait banking executives, investment analysts and currency market experts also attended the seminar.

Reagan signs insider trading penalty bill

WASHINGTON, Nov 20, (Reuters): President Reagan yesterday signed a bill sharply increasing criminal and civil penalties for violations of insider trading laws, the White House said.

The bill raises the maximum jail term for insider trading from five to 10 years and raises fines from \$100,000 to \$1 million for individuals and from \$500,000 to \$2.5 million for companies or partnerships.

The Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) can also seek civil penalties of three times the profit gained or loss avoided for traders who violate the law by buying or selling securities using information before it is made public.

The bill allows the SEC to offer rewards for information about insider trading and to increase its co-operation with foreign governments on insider trading cases.

The stiffer penalties were sought because of continuing insider trading violations despite jail terms and large fines in several prominent cases involving Ivan Boesky, Dennis Levine and others.

The bill passed the House of Representatives 410-0 and was approved by voice vote in the Senate.

Sudan, Egypt and Botswana to get EEC aid

BRUSSELS, Nov 20, (AP): The European Economic Community's aid to Sudan this year will total 90 million European currency units (\$108 million), the European Commission said today.

Among new programmes announced today are 15 million ECUs (\$18 million) post-flood reconstruction and rehabilitation programme and a 19 million ECUs (\$22.8 million) Sudan railways support programme.

This year's previously decided EEC aid included 20 million ECUs (\$24 million) for refugees, numbering one million in Sudan, a 17.8 million ECUs (\$21.3 million) fertilizer import programme, food aid and emergency aid to flood victims.

The EEC also announced today it will give 25,000 tons of cereals worth 3 million ECUs (\$3.6 million) to Egypt to help it ease its balance of payments following rocketing food prices.

Botswana will receive 4,000 tons of cereals worth one million ECUs (\$1.2 million) to help the Kalahari desert population which has suffered from drought for seven years.

Bank official released
CITIBANK'S Indian representative yesterday left Kuwait after his release from police custody, sources told the Arab Times. He was arrested on Thursday for operating without a licence.

Envoy hails SBI's leading role

Bond scheme will help NRI recast his portfolio

By M.C. Bose

A SENIOR Indian banker has said the NRI bond scheme will surely assist every Non-Resident Indian recast his portfolio now that he has one of the best options with several advantageous features available to him.

K. Govindan, general manager of State Bank of India (SBI) for overseas operations, is in Kuwait, headed the delegation that consists of eminent tax consultant H.P. Ranina. The SBI team has already visited Doha, Muscat, Dubai and Bahrain and conducted a seminar on NRI bonds.

Delegation

The delegation conducted a similar seminar at the Kuwait Sheraton on Friday.

About 500 enthusiastic Non-Resident Indians attended the seminar. The SBI team pins much hope on Gulf Indians, particularly the NRIs in Kuwait for their bond issue. The NRI bond 1988 issue was opened on Nov 14 and has generated unprecedented interest among the NRIs.

C.S.S. Khanpuri, chairman, NRI Investors Forum, introduced the delegation to the gathering. N.N. Jha, Indian ambassador to Kuwait presided over the seminar. In his opening address Jha appealed to the

patriotic sentiments of the NRIs and hoped that the NRI bonds designed to fulfil the needs and aspirations of the NRIs will in turn help the country consolidate its foreign exchange reserve position.

He lauded the SBI's leading role and the efforts made in launching the scheme in major financial centres of the world in general and Kuwait in particular.

Magnitude

Govindan explained in a nutshell the magnitude of the responses received so far to the bond and said he hopes the NRIs in Kuwait will come forward in large numbers to subscribe to the NRI bonds. He also dispelled the prevailing notion among the NRIs about repatriability of the proceeds and said interestingly the bonds are freely transferable between NRIs and as such the holder can still redeem his investment in dollars by selling the bond to another NRI. He said that the NRI bond scheme was designed to incorporate most of the suggestions made by NRIs themselves through various forums in checking the NRI Consultative Committee constituted by the government of India.

Govindan quoted the recent statement made by D.N. Ghosh, SBI chairman who said that SBI has taken the responsibility of



Picture shows (from left to right) Rajan Nireshwalia, H.P. Ranina, N.N. Jha, K. Govindan and C.S.S. Khanpuri.

creating a secondary market for these bonds. The NRIs the world over, particularly from Hong Kong to USA, have shown keen interest in having substantial investment in NRI bonds.

H.P. Ranina, in his address, highlighted the income tax, wealth tax and gift tax benefits one will get if he invested in NRI bonds. He explained how the clubbing provisions in gift tax may not be applicable in case an NRI bond holder gives the bonds to his wife and minor children.

The provisions of the recently introduced wealth transfer tax,

will not be applicable to the NRI bond holder since NRI bonds are tax free.

The capital gains tax, he added, is also not applicable in the case of NRI bonds.

Interest

Considering all the tax, interest and exchange benefits, there may not be another scheme like NRI bonds 1988 scheme.

He pointed out that after enjoying all these benefits, an NRI bond holder can put the maturity proceeds towards investments in industrial projects in India, or may buy real estate.

Nowhere else in the world has such an investment instrument been designed with so many advantages to the investor, he said.

For NRIs exercising the 'India Option' and those going to India for good and intending to become NRIs after 2 to 3 years, NRI bonds provide a good answer to them about transferability of bonds.

After a prolonged question and answer session, Rajan Nireshwalia, vice-chairman of the NRI Investors' Forum, Kuwait, offered the vote of thanks.

Central banks may need to dig deeper into their coffers

Dollar is in for a scary ride

LONDON, Nov 20, (Reuters): The dollar is in for a scary ride in the currency markets this week.

Dealers predict the likely resumption of a battle between speculators whose doubts about America's economy make them want to dump dollars and central banks anxious to stabilise the exchange rate of the currency in which the world does business.

The Americans, Japanese, West German and seven other central banks bought up to \$3 billion on Thursday and Friday in open market intervention. Analysts say they may need to dig deeper into their coffers in coming days.

"The outlook is gruesome. People are now seriously asking themselves what it will take to get back into the dollar. Bush will regret the no new tax pledge," said George Magnus at Warburg Securities in London.

Anxieties

The market, its anxieties focused on America's \$145-billion budget deficit, seems to have decided that President-elect George Bush beared himself into a corner with his "read my lips, no new taxes" electoral campaign pledge.

The dollar, down about 10 per cent since the summer, ended last week worth 1.7375 Deutsche marks and 122.60 Japanese yen.

Even after two days of concerted central bank buying it was still perilously close to an all-time low of 120.20, touched last

Jan 4 when, in the shadow of 'Black Monday', markets had an earlier bout of nerves about America's deficits.

Besides worrying about the budget deficit, traders also focus on a huge trade gap and speculate that Bush will finally have to tolerate a weaker dollar to assist America's exports.

Tumbled

So they are tempted to get in first and sell it, and it tumbled despite figures on Wednesday showing the September trade gap down 15 per cent from August at \$10.46 billion.

"It was a reasonable trade figure but people saw it as an opportunity to sell dollars. They wanted to get out," said Ian Amstad, an economist at Chase Manhattan Securities.

Robert Solomon, formerly with the Federal Reserve Board, the US central bank, and now a scholar at the Brookings Institution, said last week the Group of Seven industrial nations should lower the value at which their central banks will try to defend the dollar by 10-15 per cent.

And to end speculation about how far it might be allowed to sink, they should make that public. "It's the expectation of dollar depreciation that has the unfortunate impact," he said.

Other analysts echoed a warning by Fed chairman Alan Greenspan that the United States cannot count on its allies indefinitely to bail out a falling

dollar.

"Europeans can't deliver anything more that hasn't been delivered. It's time for bills to be paid," Magnus at Warburg Securities said. "Greenspan laid it on the line, saying either reduce the budget or we'll have tight money."

But the trouble with a hike in interest rates to curb spending and prop the dollar is that they would crimp business profits and economic activity generally, while adding to a debt repayment burden in the Third World.

Fears of the higher interest rates are nagging Wall Street where stocks last week posted a fourth straight weekly decline. "It's been a dismal week," said New York trader Edward Laux at Kidder Peabody. Many analysts blamed dollar and interest rate fears.

Traders and investors outside America meanwhile seem dubious about a Bush "flexible freeze" plan to cut federal spending.

"Bush can use it to his advantage since it's such an ambiguous term but my feeling is most people aren't encouraged at all by it," said Rupert Thompson, an analyst at Morgan Grenfell Investment Bank in London.

Other said that "untouchables" like defence, social security and debt interest payments took around three quarters of the budget leaving too little spending to freeze.

Ernst & Whinney in bid to secure title for Kuwait

THE Benson & Hedges Management Challenge is drawing to an exciting conclusion, with eight Country Champion teams eagerly awaiting the grand finals in Penang, Malaysia.

The eight regional champion teams all won their respective Country Finals last month in what was described as one of the closest and most competitive rounds of the Management Challenge.

In Penang this month, the eight teams will resume the battle to assert the managerial qualities which have brought them this far, and to win the title for their own countries.

Last year, Price Waterhouse of Bahrain achieved this honour in style at Ashridge Management College in the UK, which assists in the supervision and judging of the competition.

Title

This year, Ernst & Whinney from Kuwait are bidding to secure the title for Kuwait. Their performance in the Country Finals demonstrated their managerial skills which places them favourably in the Grand Finals.

To keep the title they have to successfully compete against the proven managerial skills of the six other teams for the Arab Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states. Their competitors are: The International Airports Projects from Jeddah, The Saudi Petrochemical Co. (SADAF) from Riyadh, The Gulf Riyad

Bank from Bahrain, The National Investment & Securities Corp. from Abu Dhabi, McDermott International Corp. from Dubai and Oman Organic Fertilizer & Chemical Industries from Oman.

Opportunity

While each team will have the opportunity to gain further managerial skills in the gruelling two-day competition, they also have a chance to come home with rich rewards.

The Grand Final winners will receive a portfolio of gold shares worth \$10,000 each, the Benson & Hedges gold medal minted of 22 ct gold by Spink & Co. of London, and the Benson & Hedges Management Challenge Award for the company of the winning team. Other grand finalists will receive gold medals.

With the superb managerial skills demonstrated so far by all the winning teams in this year's Benson & Hedges Management Challenge, this Grand Final promises to be the most exciting and rewarding ever.

Participating teams have successfully learnt and applied the principle that quality matters in the marketplace, a principle adopted by Benson & Hedges which led to their involvement with the Management Challenge over the past five years.

To come home with the gold, the Grand Winners will have to excel in managing the computer-simulated exercise and out-manoeuvre their rivals.

World Business Summary

Bankers seek to integrate Arab financial markets

ABU DHABI, Nov 20, (Agencies): Arab financial markets should be integrated along the lines of the European Economic Community (EEC) to attract funds now invested in the West, bankers attending a three-day conference said today. They said most of an estimated \$327 billion worth of Arab investments were concentrated in EEC countries, while inter-Arab investments did not exceed \$225 million. "We should work together to create the right investment atmosphere especially by linking Arab markets in one market so the investor will be able to move this funds," Anwar Al Khalil, chairman of the Arab Banking Union said. The Beirut-based union organised the conference in Abu Dhabi to discuss how to meet the challenge posed by Western banks, Khalil said. Arab states should be motivated to work for a strong economic and banking entity by the EEC's decision to integrate its financial and economic systems in 1992. "Of course our markets can not absorb Arab funds altogether, but a common market and the creation of the right atmosphere as well as investment incentives could help to attract gradually," he said. Arab bankers have called for Arab funds to be repatriated in view of the world stock market crash on October 1987 and Britain's decision to limit Kuwait's shareholding in British Petroleum.

Meanwhile, the Governor of UAE Central Bank, Abdul Malik Al Hamar said yesterday Arab overseas investment currently totals an estimated \$350 billion of which 90 per cent are in non-Arab countries. Hamar told a conference attended by more than 100 Arab bankers that such investments may be at risk because of changing conditions in international financial markets. "Ninety per cent of the Arab investments are still outside the Arab states, in spite of the crashes of the international monetary market," Hamar said. He was referring to the Wall Street crash on October 1987 which triggered sharp falls on stock markets around the world. Hamar said that the Arab investment abroad includes \$200 billion of government investment and \$150 billion in private investment.

US oil states propose plan to adjust OPEC output

VIENNA, Nov 20, (Reuters): Officials from US oil producing states have proposed that OPEC set up a system that would adjust monthly production by the organisation's 13 members to help stabilise prices, Texas railroad commissioner Kent Hance said yesterday.

Hance, a member of the state agency that regulates crude oil and natural gas production in Texas, told reporters that the US group had already met OPEC Secretary-General Subroto and Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa. Subroto, Sheikh Ali and other ministers from the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries are in Vienna for preliminary talks before the group's biannual conference, which begins tomorrow. Hance said he had proposed that OPEC establish a system patterned after that of the Texas Railroad Commission which accepts monthly production proposals from oil companies and then sets production levels for each oil field in Texas. OPEC's Price Monitoring Committee could determine each monthly production allotment for its members, Hance said. Since 1973, the commission has permitted each Texas oil field to operate at full production. "It's the marginal producer who determines prices," Hance said, referring to Texas' former role in the world oil market. OPEC used the price regulation methods of the Texas Railroad Commission, which was set up in the 1930s, as a model when it was founded in 1960. US oil producing states, which have been hard hit by falling prices during the past two years, are also talking with OPEC ministers "to establish a dialogue and act as an advocate of price stability," Hance said.

Oil officials from Texas, Alaska, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana are in Vienna and plan to have private talks with Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nazer and OPEC President Rilwan Lukman, who is also Nigeria's oil minister, he said. "If West Texas Intermediate (the US benchmark crude oil) goes to \$10 a barrel, we have real problems," he said.

On Friday, US oil futures for January delivery closed up five cents at \$12.91 a barrel.

OAPC budget approved

VIENNA, Nov 20, (Reuters): The Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPC), hit by falling oil prices, today approved a 1989 budget for joint Arab energy projects little changed from 1988. Oil ministers from the 10-nation group, most already in Vienna for talks of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, projected 1989 spending at KD1.3 million about KD30,000 less than in 1988. At its peak in 1983, OAPC spent KD3 million on joint ventures and companies in oil transport, engineering, investment and training. But falling oil prices have made it harder for members to pay their dues and the 1988 budget was slashed 40 per cent. A statement said OAPC had entrusted the current chairman of its ministerial council, United Arab Emirates Oil Minister Dr Mansour Al Otaibi, to pursue arrears owed by member states. OAPC groups OPEC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, the UAE, Qatar, Libya and Algeria with non-OPEC Bahrain and Syria. Tunisia's membership is frozen at its request. Egypt was suspended after its 1979 peace treaty with Israel and OAPC officials say its membership depends on readmission to the Arab League. OAPC urged members to co-operate on setting up an Arab energy information bank and agreed to pursue studies on the oil policies of industrial nations and natural gas trade between member states.

The organisation has sought to encourage inter-Arab trade in energy products to cut dependence on outside sources. OAPC increased the 1989 budget of its Kuwait-based judicial tribunal to KD164,350 from KD150,000 in 1988 and kept that of its Baghdad-based training institute unchanged at around KD1 million. The tribunal, set up to arbitrate disputes among members, has been conducting hearings on Syria's 1982 closure of an Iraqi oil pipeline to the Mediterranean through Syria.

Cuba announces new oil port

MEXICO CITY, Nov 20, (AP): Cuba's first port with docking facilities for 150,000-ton oil tankers will open in Matanzas Bay in February, the official Cuban news agency said yesterday. The \$60-million port facility will be able to handle three tankers simultaneously, said a Prensa Latina report monitored in Mexico City. The Matanzas project has Soviet and Spanish financing. The Soviet Union is helping to finance oil storage facilities and Spain has provided funds to expand the old terminal, the report said. Oil pipelines will connect the port facility to Havana and the central province of Cienfuegos, Prensa Latina said. Matanzas, Cuba's main oil-producing area, has 131 operating oil wells, which this year are expected to produce about 500,000 tons of crude oil, about half of the island's total annual production, according to the report.

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OPEC presses on against odds in bid for Iran-Iraq deal

Proposal ready to break impasse

VIENNA, Nov 20, (Reuters): OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna are resigned to a long and difficult haul in efforts to break a deadlock between Iran and Iraq over a new oil output pact, edged if the organisation is to avoid a threatened crash in prices.

Intense behind-the-scenes negotiations entered a fourth day with no sign that the former Gulf war belligerents had softened their positions, dashing hopes that OPEC could clinch a deal before a formal conference of all members opens tomorrow.

"Progress has been extremely disappointing," said Nauman Barakat, analyst at New York-based Prudential-Bache Securities.

"If anything positions have hardened to such an extent that it will be extremely difficult to get anything out of tomorrow's meeting. It might take three or four months."

Legacy
The dispute, a legacy of the Gulf war, centres on Iraq's demand for an output quota as big as Iran's in any new set of production curbs. Iran, historically a bigger producer, calls it illogical.

OPEC President Riwayan al-Khamis of Nigeria held out some hope, saying a proposal was ready for tomorrow's conference.

ference but he would not elaborate. "There is a proposal on the table," he said.

But traders have already pushed prices sharply lower on disappointment over the apparent failure of mediators Indonesia, Nigeria and Venezuela to achieve a breakthrough.

"If we get to Tuesday or Wednesday and the full meeting breaks down, prices will fall further," said Mehdi Varzi, analyst of London-based Kleinwort Benson Securities. Both Varzi and Barakat are in Vienna tracking the OPEC talks.

Attempts
The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' attempts to shore up the oil market have been undermined for two years by the Iran-Iraq row which led Iraq to stay out of organisation production programming altogether. That encouraged other sellers to flout their mandated quotas.

Today Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul-Rahman Al Chalabi repeated Baghdad's demand for parity at a meeting of Arab oil producers held at OPEC headquarters here.

Failure to mend the Iran-Iraq rift will almost certainly block a comprehensive deal among the 13 OPEC nations to cut production, now thought near 23

million barrels per day and about 20 per cent more than demand for the organisation's oil.

Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, might then resort to a tactic favoured in the past and flood the market to push prices even lower to stampede the others into an accord.

"The catalyst for an agreement may have to be still lower prices," said Barakat. Dubai crude oil, one of OPEC's key Middle East blends, is already trading below \$10 a barrel, which is \$7.50 short of a target price set in December 1986.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, with large oil reserves and strong foreign investments to generate income, would be able to withstand a price crash. But delegates say nations like Algeria and Nigeria could find themselves in economic crisis.

Plans
Two compromise plans already seem to have been abandoned. One was a proposal by Iran for equal export quotas while it reserved the right to pump more for domestic consumption.

Another was to set a lower output quota for Iraq to be topped up to Iran's level with oil from the neutral zone, a strip of desert between Saudi Arabia and Kuwait.

Delegates said attention now focuses on another possible package that OPEC hopes Iran could sell at home without losing face, apparently involving quota parity but within a low overall ceiling for all organisation output.

"Privately, Arab producers are sympathetic to the Iranian cause," said Varzi. "But they are not in a position to support it in public."

Output
A deal could involve OPEC setting a relatively low overall output ceiling for 1989, around 18.5 million barrels per day. That would lighten the market considerably, in line with Iran's 'Hawthorn' policy on driving prices higher.

Also, the Gulf Arabs argue, this low overall ceiling would mean Iraq cutting its output from present levels of about 2.7 million barrels a day. Iran would effectively have checked Iraqi expansion plans that could take volume to four million.

If Iran did compromise, the promise is also held out of better relations with Saudi Arabia which would fit in with a drive by such leaders as parliament speaker Hashemi Ali Akbar Rafsanjani to end its diplomatic isolation.

KUNA adds: a Kuwaiti official spokesman has ruled out

a meeting for the Gulf countries, members of OPEC, to settle out problems in the oil market.

The spokesman for the Kuwaiti delegation attending the meeting here told KUNA yesterday that there is no need for such a meeting.

He explained that there are no regional groupings such as Gulf and non-Gulf states in OPEC but rather OPEC members are here to discuss production and prices collectively within the organisation.

Quotas
A Western news agency had quoted a reliable source attending the meeting as saying that Iran had suggested holding a meeting with all Gulf countries, including Iraq, to discuss "differences on production quotas of those countries within OPEC."

The agency added that there was no clear sign of a closeness in the Iraq-Iran positions regarding distribution of quotas.

A source close to the Iranian delegation here affirmed to KUNA that Iran had tabled that proposal.

Iraq insists on producing an equal amount to that of Iran while Iran argues that the equal quota should be on exports and not production because Iran's consumption of oil is greater than that of Iraq.

Turkey to discuss regional water with Iraq, Syria

ANKARA, Nov 20, (Reuters): Ministers from Iraq, Syria and Turkey will meet in Ankara tomorrow to discuss water supplies from the Euphrates after completion of a Turkish dam project, official sources said today.

Turkey's ambitious plan to pump water to the Arabian peninsula is also likely to be discussed at the talks which follow a preliminary meeting in Damascus.

Iraq and Syria are concerned at Turkey's Ataturk dam on the Euphrates, to be completed in 1992, will harm their supplies from the river.

Ambitions
"Turkey has no political ambitions over these waters. The waters will not be used for political aims. All rights under international law will be recognised," one Turkish source said. The Ataturk dam is part of a project to generate up to a fifth of Turkey's electricity needs and to gate large areas of land in the economically backward south-east.

Turkey has advanced the idea of a \$21-billion project to build a water pipeline to some 100 miles East and Gulf Arab states, carrying water from the Taurus and Tigris rivers. Beneficiaries will be Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Iraq, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

Turkey will be represented at Ankara talks by Public Works Minister Safa Giray, culture and irrigation Minister Karim Hassan Redha who will lead the Iraqi team and irrigation minister Abdel-Rahman al-Sayid.

D deposit
VAIT, Nov 20, (Reuters): all dinar deposit rates were cut in a dull Sunday market, nearly all activity confined to short end of the market. Dealers said liquidity was tight with early bids of 15 per cent for overnight funds, which dealt at 10.

Interest in the week ahead as month-end payments due at the system. Also, no new treasury bill offerings scheduled for week that might absorb it.

Eased
Tomorrow next and spot-next were quoted at eight, seven and six, but eased to six, five, four and three, respectively, after a week of fixed maturities were little bid, with one and three quoted at 7-1/2, 6-3/4, and 5-1/2.

Central Bank kept the dollar exchange rate steady at yesterday's level, while commercial banks quoted the spot dinar at 92.

While Saudi rial inter-deposit rates remained steady in full market today, with major offshore players due to the European Central Bank, it was reported some trade in the funds at levels ranging from 7-1/2 per cent — the point lower than the day.

Ceasefire itself 'will not lead to an upsurge in business'

UK trade delegation winds up visit

By Jadranka Porter

A 17-member British trade delegation is today winding up its four-day visit to Kuwait, the first leg of their Gulf tour which will also take them to Bahrain, the UAE, Qatar and Oman.

The businessmen visited the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and members of the merchant community in Kuwait. Many will be returning home with orders or assurances of business opportunities in the forthcoming period, said the delegation leader David Tunks.

But there will be no big contracts, he said, as the delegation groups representatives of smaller British companies.

Markets
"There will always be markets in this part of the world although the manner of doing business may change with less direct selling and more joint ventures in the future," said Tunks.

The British businessmen



The British trade mission pictured at a reception hosted by the Counsellor of the British Embassy D.R. Mac Lennan.

represented companies dealing in furniture manufacturing, food processing, engineering equipment, pharmaceuticals, security printing services and high technology.

Tunks said the British businessmen sensed hope rather than

optimism about future business prospects on the Kuwaiti business scene.

"The ceasefire itself will not lead to an upsurge in business," he said. "There has to be a continued period of peace, and as it lengthens so will the optimism

and an increase in business come about."

The trade mission's Gulf visit was organised by Britain's Thames-Chiltern Chamber of Commerce, but the delegation includes members from different parts of Britain.

Bush urged to act on US deficit

WASHINGTON, Nov 20, (Reuters): A leading Democratic senator yesterday urged president-elect George Bush to take strong action before his inauguration to show the world financial community the United States was serious about cutting its budget deficit.

"The message from London, Tokyo and the other financial centres is clear — the day of rhetoric and empty phrases is long past," James Sasser of Tennessee said.

"As a nation, we've got to demonstrate a serious willingness to set our financial house in order," he said in the Democratic Party's routine response to President Reagan's weekly radio address.

Drop
"He (Bush) should meet, prior to inauguration day, with the leadership of both houses of the Congress, a meeting that should aim specifically at getting to the common ground — the objectives we all share — with regard to fiscal policy," Sasser said in the statement.

Bush will be inaugurated on Jan 20, 1989.

Sasser said the drop in the value of the dollar and in the

stock market since Bush was elected on Nov 8 indicated the financial community was seeking reassurance about Bush's ability to reduce the budget deficit.

He said Bush should get President Reagan to submit a realistic budget to Congress for the government's next financial year before Reagan leaves office and give a fair hearing to recommendations due to be made by the National Economic Commission early next year on deficit reduction.

"These are the kind of meaningful actions that will command the confidence of the international financial community. They will help put to rest the rumours of early conflict between Congress and the president," Sasser said.

Reagan is scheduled to send his last budget to Congress on Jan 9, but Bush could propose his own budget when he takes office.

House Speaker Jim Wright, a Texas Democrat, met with Bush on Friday and said later the president-elect had pledged to do whatever was necessary to solve the deficit problem.

The General Accounting Office (GAO) yesterday said

Bush should negotiate with Congress on ways to lower the budget deficit and consider every option including tax increases.

"The watchdog congressional agency said budget deficits are at a crisis level and 'the first step must be for the president to open negotiations with the bipartisan leadership of both houses of Congress in an effort to develop consensus on a meaningful budget strategy.'"

The 16-page GAO report suggested the White House and Congress might set a five-year goal of bringing the \$155 billion deficit into balance or surplus.

"All participants must consider all parts of the budget to be negotiable, including defence, entitlements and revenues," it specified.

Bush has said he would trim the deficit by freezing overall spending while holding the line on taxes. Critics say higher taxes will be needed for any major progress.

In a separate report, the GAO examined options for raising revenues, noting there is considerable reluctance in Congress to raise personal tax rates so soon after enacting the tax reform act of 1986 designed to simplify tax law.

French geologists hunt for minerals in Oman

MUSCAT, Nov 19, (AP): French geologists will survey uncharted mountain ranges across Oman's remote desert in search of precious minerals under a \$22,000-rial (\$2-million) government contract, officials said today.

A team of five geologists and two prospectors from the Paris-based Bureau of Geological and Mineral Research will shortly start a two-year survey of a 9,800-square-kilometre (3,770-square mile) area, the officials said. They declined to be identified.

The bilateral agreement was signed by Petroleum and Minerals Minister Saeed Al Shanfari and the French Bureau's senior international vice-president, Michel Tixeront.

"Prospects for future discovery and exploitation of minerals are very promising," said a spokesman for the Petroleum and Minerals Ministry who requested anonymity.

The only other known mineral resource of importance is copper, which is processed by the state-owned Oman mining company Smelter and refinery at Sohar on the Gulf of Oman coast.

GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Initial Guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 3.1.89

Tender No. W 720/88
Tender's internal No. 288/88
Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.

Requirements: Supply of chemicals (sodium products)
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial Guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 8.1.89

Tender No. 4832/88
Tender's internal No. 278/88
Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.

Requirements: Supply of chemicals (morphine)
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial Guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 10.1.89

Tender No. 3925/88
Tender's internal No. —
Concerned party: Kuwait National Petroleum Co.

Requirements: Supply of new steel equipment for oil
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial Guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 10.1.89

Tender No. PA/Sh.A.M./19/88/88
Tender's internal No. 298/88
Concerned party: Public Authority for Applied Education

Requirements: Supply & installation of prefabricated house
Relevant fee: KD30/-
Initial Guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Tuesday, 20.12.88

Tender No. PA/Sh.A.M./21/88/88
Tender's internal No. 300/88
Concerned party: Public Authority for Applied Education

Requirements: Supply of typewriters
Relevant fee: KD20/-
Initial Guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 25.12.88

Tender No. L.P./81/88/88
Tender's internal No. 306/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Public Works
Requirements: Supply of lab apparatus & tools
Relevant fee: KD. 20/-
Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 8.1.89

Tender No. MEW/22/27/88/88
Tender's internal No. 301/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply & installation of registration systems in Eastern Doha station
Relevant fee: KD. 20/-
Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value
Closing date: 12:00 noon, Sunday, 8.1.89

Tender No. MEW/22/33/88/88
Tender's internal No. 302/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply of Chemical injection package (including generator, injection pump, skid mount-

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NATIONAL BANK	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.100	260000	8
GULF BANK	0.420	0.420	0.420	0.420	10000	1
COMMERCIAL BK	0.310	0.310	0.310	0.310	540000	29
ARAB BANK	0.375	0.370	0.370	0.370	300000	3
B.K.M.E.	0.390	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.R.E.B.	0.390	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
BURJAH K	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	20000	1
K.F.HOUSE	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550	320000	9

WESTERN SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
INT. INV. CO.	0.144	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.I.C.	0.140	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
CON.FACILITIES	0.470	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
AMLIAN INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
I.F.A.	0.096	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INV. PEARL KUT	0.102	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INSURANCE SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT INSURANCE	0.730	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INSURANCE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
AMLIAN INS. CO.	0.580	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
WARBA INS. CO.	0.440	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REAL ESTATE SECTOR	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.208	0.208	0.208	0.208	200000	7
UNI R.E.S.T. CO.	0.091	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
NAT R.E.S.T. CO.	0.200	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SALAHAN R.E.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT R.E.T. CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

INDUSTRY SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NAT. IND. CO.	0.340	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT IND. CO.	0.295	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
KUT CEMENT CO.	0.255	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REF. IND. CO.	0.395	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
N.A.M.T. CO.	1.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF CABLE	1.120	1.120	1.120	1.120	5000	1
K.P.H. IND. CO.	0.202	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
CONT. MARINE	0.255	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
K.S.H. REP. CO.	0.045	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
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Kiss of life

LONDON, Nov. 20, (Reuters): Bristol Rovers' defender Ian Alexander needed the kiss of life during his side's Football Association (FA) Cup tie today — after swallowing his false teeth. Alexander was left choking on the dentures after a collision during his side's 3-0 first-round win over Minor-League Fisher Athletic.

Hasek wins

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 20, (Reuters): Jakob Hasek collected his second Grand Prix title in eight days today when he beat local player Christo van Rensburg to win the South African Open tennis tournament. Switzerland's Hasek played a powerful serve-and-volley game to beat the unseeded Van Rensburg 6-7 (1-7) 6-4 6-1 7-6 (7-4) in just over three hours.

Canter triumphs

OTTA, Japan, Nov. 20, (AP): Jonathan Canter defeated Malcolm Allen 7-5, 6-1 today in the all-American men's singles finals of the Japan Dunlop circuit '88 tennis tournament.

Phoenix golf

MIYAZAKI, Japan, Nov. 20, (Reuters): American Ken Green played a steady round of 71 today to deny compatriot Fred Couples, leader through the first three rounds, victory in the Phoenix golf tournament.

Elder ahead

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida, Nov. 20, (AP): Lee Elder birdied two of the last three holes yesterday for a 1-under-par 70 and a one-stroke lead over Harold Henning after two rounds of the \$300,000 Senior PGA Tour event at Key Biscayne golf course.

Shield cricket

SYDNEY, Nov. 20, (Reuters): Scores on the third day of the four-day Sheffield Shield cricket match between Tasmania and South Australia in Hobart: South Australia 382, Tasmania 244 for four.

Featherweight bout

LANCASTER, California, Nov. 20, (AP): Abe Gomez, a United States boxer, pounced on an unanimous 10-round decision over Gustavo Lopez of Tijuana, Mexico, in their featherweight bout last night.

Challenge Cup

ROSEMONT, Illinois, Nov. 20, (UPI): Next week's Chicago Challenge Cup exhibition tennis match between leading American Andre Agassi and Czechoslovak World No. 2 Ivan Lendl has been postponed because of a hand injury that forced Agassi to cancel an appearance last weekend at the Stuttgart Classic in West Germany.

British soccer

LONDON, Nov. 20, (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches played today: English Division One: Sheffield Wednesday 0, Tottenham 2 (halftime 0-0).

Squash results

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Nov. 20, (Reuters): First round results in the Pakistan President's Gold Cup international squash tournament today: Jansher Khan (Pakistan) beat Farhan Samulali (Pakistan) 5-0 (5-0 15-8 15-8 15-8 15-8); Jansher Khan (Pakistan) beat Jamshed Gul (Pakistan) 15-12 15-5 15-12; Brett Martin (Australia) beat Abdul Faim (Pakistan) 15-9 15-8 15-7; Jansher Khan (Pakistan) beat Fredrik Johnson (Sweden) 15-12 15-11 17-15; Hiddy Jahan (Britain) beat Ahmed Tahir (Egypt) 17-15 15-9 17-14; Chris Robertson (Australia) beat Asif Khan (Pakistan) 15-8 15-13 15-9 15-4; Anders Wahlstedt (Sweden) beat Pentti Pekkanen (Finland) 15-12 15-12 15-12 15-6; Zarak Jahan Khan (Pakistan) beat Mark Robertson (Australia) 15-7 15-13 17-9 15-17; Tristan Nancarrow (Australia) beat Abdul Rashid (Pakistan) 15-7 15-6 15-9; Umar Hys Khan (Pakistan) beat Danny Meddings (Britain) 8-15 15-13 15-13; Jahangir Khan (Pakistan) beat Ghousur Rehman (Pakistan) 15-7 15-6 15-7; Ross Thorpe (Australia) beat Jonny Cornerup (Sweden) 15-11 15-11 15-15 15-9; Qamar Zaman (Pakistan) beat Gamal Ahmad (Egypt) 15-7 15-10 15-13 15-11; Peter Hill (Singapore) beat Masood Ahmed (Pakistan) 15-10 15-12 17-15; Philip Whitlock (Britain) beat Tayyab Habib (Pakistan) 15-8 15-13 15-10.

Australia narrow margin of defeat

PORT DOUGLAS, Australia, Nov. 20, (Reuters): Australia, already roundly beaten in the inaugural three-day golf Test against Britain, salvaged some pride by sweeping four of the six 'dead' singles matches today.

Sandy Lyle's team, who finished yesterday's fourball and foursome matches with an unbeatable 9-1/2 to 2-1/2 point lead, played on the last day as if they had celebrated rather too long into the night.

Almost invincible on the first two days, they conceded three of today's singles by wide margins to finish with 11-1/2 points to Australia's 6-1/2.

Although Australia could not rescue the Test, Steve Elkington,

WALSH COMPLETES HAT-TRICK IN FIRST TEST

West Indies set to beat Australia

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov. 20, (Reuters): West Indies pace bowler Courtney Walsh completed an unusual Test hat-trick, the first in 12 years, today before Steve Waugh led an Australian second innings fightback in the first Test.

West Indies remain poised to win the match with Australia 200 for six at stumps, still 27 runs adrift of the touring side's first innings total of 394.

But Waugh's courageous 90, which helped rescue his side from the depths of 65 for four shortly after lunch, injected pride into a performance that has been for the most part lamentable.

Feat
Walsh became the first bowler since Peter Petherick of New Zealand to take a hat-trick in Test cricket, and only the 18th in history. Petherick achieved the feat on his Test debut in Pakistan in October 1976.

Coming on to replace Curtly Ambrose with the score on 65 for two, Walsh enticed Mike Veletta to attempt a hook off his first delivery. Veletta, who had scored 10, mistimed his shot and Carl Hooper at mid-on took an easy catch.

Graeme Wood was greeted

with a fiendish yorker on his first ball to be plumb lbw, a decision which prompted a war dance of delight from Walsh and his West Indian team-mates.

Most at the ground took some time to realise the Jamaican right-arm bowler had completed a hat-trick, having claimed the last wicket of Australia's first innings by dismissing Tony Dodemaide.

The removal of Graeme Wood, who had not fielded in the morning because of a stomach complaint, brought in another 'wounded' Australian, captain Allan Border.

Border had dropped down the order to protect two broken fingers, one of which he injured catching Malcolm Marshall in the slips at the end of the West Indies innings before lunch.

Border and Waugh, elevated to number four, started slowly but grew in confidence, putting on 92 before Border spooned a leggie catch to Desmond Haynes off Ambrose. He scored 41.

Waugh, who had been dropped by Gordon Greenidge in the slips when 18, was joined by wicket-keeper Ian Healy.

The all-rounder seemed set to



Walsh (right) is congratulated by his team-mates after he dismissed Wood to complete his hat-trick. (Reuters wirephoto)

score his first Test century before he flashed one too often at Marshall and flat-batted a catch straight into Haynes' midriff at cover shortly before the close.

Waugh hit nine fours in his 249-minute innings. Healy was not out 25 at the close, with Dodemaide nought.

Before lunch West Indies, added 28 runs to their overnight 366 for seven. Craig McDermott

took two wickets while Dodemaide removed last man Patrick Patterson who has not bowled in the Australian second innings because of a knee injury.

McDermott finished with three for 99 and off-spinner Tim May three for 90.

Scoreboard
AUSTRALIA first innings 167
WEST INDIES first innings 366 for seven overnight

G. Greenidge b May	80
D. Haynes c Healy b Walsh	40
R. Richardson lbw b Dodemaide	81
C. Hooper c Border b Walsh	1
V. Richards c McDermott b May	68
G. Logie c Border b May	19
J. Deon c May b McDermott	27
M. Marshall c Border b McDermott	11
C. Ambrose not out	19
C. Walsh lbw b McDermott	0
F. Patterson lbw b Dodemaide	48
Extras (b-5 lb-9 w-6 nb-28)	80
Total	394
Fall of wickets: 1-135 2-156 3-162 4-270 5-307 6-359 7-361 8-389 9-393	
Bowling: McDermott 28-3-99-3 (1nb), Matthews 21-3-62-0 (5w 5nb), Dodemaide 16-4-2-60-2 (1w), May 29-6-90-3 (4nb), Walsh 18-2-61-2 (9 nb), Border 1-4-9-0.	

AUSTRALIA second innings	
D. Boon c Deon b Marshall	12
G. Marsh lbw b Ambrose	2
M. Veletta c Hooper b Walsh	10
S. Waugh c Haynes b Marshall	90
G. Wood lbw b Walsh	9
A. Border c Haynes b Ambrose	25
I. Healy not out	41
T. Dodemaide not out	0
Extras (b-2 nb-18)	20
Total (for six wickets)	265
Fall of wickets: 1-14 2-16 3-65 4-65 5-157 6-199	
To bat: T. May, C. McDermott, C. Matthews	
Bowling: Marshall 17-1-56-2 (3nb), Ambrose 17-3-51-2 (1nb), Walsh 14-2-42-2 (3nb), Richards 11-4-26-0, Hooper 4-0-23-0.	

Tamil Nadu gain first innings lead

PANAJI, India, Nov. 20, (Reuters): Tamil Nadu prospered against a New Zealand attack lacking Richard Hadlee before they declared at 289 for seven with a one-run first innings lead on the second day of a three-day cricket match today.

New Zealand wiped off that little deficit before the close, scoring two for no wicket, but chances of a result on a good batting wicket looked remote.

Support

Nearly all the Tamil Nadu batsmen helped themselves to runs in the 85.4 overs they batted. Pathamadaia Prakash was top scorer with a fine 71 off 131 balls.

He was given good support by Kripal Singh, who made an accomplished 52 in his first class debut. Together they put on 107 for the fourth wicket.

Having reached 214 for five at

tea, Tamil Nadu skipper Laxman Sivaramakrishnan, a former Test spinner who played for India at the age of 17 in 1983, missed a good opportunity to declare and give the visitors the chance to set a fourth innings target on the third day.

This did, however, allow Robin Singh, a Trinidadian studying at Madras University, to compile a stylish 39 and Arun Kumar to hammer 36 not out off only 24 balls.

Kumar tore into the New Zealand spinners, hitting four fours and two sixes in a scintillating 21-minute stay.

In that time 43 were put on for the seventh wicket before Singh was brilliantly caught one-handed at mid-wicket by John Bracewell to give Evan Gray a second wicket.

All New Zealand bowlers were rewarded but none looked

threatening

Danny Morris, pressing for a place for the second Test, was sharp but a little wayward although he dismissed the dangerous Vakkadai Chandrasekhar, scorer of the fastest first class 100 in India off 56 balls, after the opener had raced to 41 from 53 deliveries.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND first innings 288 for five declared	
TAMIL NADU first innings (overnight 49 for one):	
B. Arun c Rutherford b Seiden	5
V. Chandrasekhar c Seiden	41
R. Morrison	41
N. Gonsam c Rutherford	23
P. Prakash c Vance b Bracewell	71
K. Singh c Gray b Kaggaleja	52
R. Singh c Bracewell b Gray	39
L. Sivaramakrishnan c Bracewell	13
A. Kumar not out	36
Extras (b-1, nb-8)	9

More top stars to take part in Dubai Rugby Sevens

THE list of current and former international stars set to line up in the Dubai Exiles Rugby Sevens tournament is growing all the time.

The club has announced that two highly-experienced sides from Ireland and Wales, two traditional rugby strongholds, will fly into Dubai, courtesy of Emirates, to take part in the two-day rugby festival which gets underway on Thursday.

Attempt

The Irish Shamrocks will be led by their manager, former Irish national coach Mick Doyle, while Steepholme from the Welsh borders will attempt to land the prestigious Emirates International Trophy under the guidance of their manager, ex-Wales captain Eddie Butler.

Meriden outplay BTC

MERIDEN Cricket Club scored a 25-run victory over BTC Cricket Club in a friendly match at the Yarmouk ground on Friday.

BTC put Meriden in to bat after winning the toss. This decision seemed to pay dividends after one of the openers was out for only two runs. Skipper Haroon and Mirza took the score to 25 before the former was out.

Mirza scored 40 and Morrin 30 as they took Meriden to 136 for the loss of five wickets in the 20 allotted overs. Danny and

in the Steepholme ranks will be a number of first-class players from some of Welsh rugby's leading club sides, including Cardiff flanker Richie Collins. Collins' performance in the colours of his previous club, South Wales Police, earned him the admiration of many rugby followers and his presence in Dubai is sure to add to the excitement of an action-packed tournament.

Drawn

Played in parallel to the Emirates International Trophy will be the Gulf Knockout Competition which will feature 16 of the region's premier Middle East sides drawn from the UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar plus a team from Egypt.

Afzal scored 25 and 21 runs respectively.

For BTC, Omer took three wickets while Kishore and Nadim claimed one each.

BTC opened their innings through Mahmood and Nadim. The first wicket went down at 18 after which the other batsmen lost their wickets at regular intervals and BTC could only manage 111 for eight.

For Meriden, Danny and Morrin took two wickets each while Rifat got three and Haroon one.

Gilder holds off Mahaffey for crown

KAPALUA, Hawaii, Nov. 20, (Reuters): Bob Gilder held off the challenge of fellow-American John Mahaffey to win the \$600,000 Kapalua International golf tournament by two strokes yesterday.

The victory was worth \$150,000 to Gilder.

"It's the largest cheque of my career and it's more than I've made all season," said Gilder, who earned \$144,523 during the official 1988 PGA Tour which ended last weekend.

Gilder shot a final round of six-under-par 66 on the Kapalua Bay course and tied the tournament record with a 22-under 266 total. Mahaffey eagled the last hole to finish with a 66 for 20-under 268. He received \$84,000.

Carded

Corey Pavin was third on 272 after posting a 71, while his fellow-American Mark O'Meara and Steve Pate tied for fourth place at 273 after both carded 68s.

American Bill Glasson, who led after an opening round of 64, soared to a 76 in the final round to finish at 278.

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Schlesser wins sportscar race

MELBOURNE, Nov. 20, (Reuters): Jean-Louis Schlesser of France gained a measure of revenge over Britain's Martin Brundle when his Mercedes team pushed the newly-crowned world sportscar champion into third place in the final race of the season today.

Schlesser, the championship runner-up, and West German Jochen Mass took full advantage of pole position to drive their turbo-charged Mercedes C9 to victory in the 93-lap race in two hours 30 minutes and 51 seconds, breaking the lap record on the way.

Careca hat-trick takes Napoli past Juventus

ROME, Nov. 20, (Reuters): A hat-trick by Brazilian striker Careca helped Napoli to a 5-3 win at Juventus today in a sparkling battle of attacking skill in the Italian First Division.

The result brought Napoli up to second place in the League, two points behind leaders Internazionale Milan who won 2-1 at Como.

The Juventus-Napoli match, billed as a clash between Napoli's Argentine captain Diego Maradona and Juventus' new Soviet star Alexander Zavarov, was the highlight of an unusually goal-rich Sunday, with 30 goals scored in the First Division's nine matches.

Napoli, champions in 1987, went to Turin brimming with energy and confidence. By the third minute they were 1-0 up after Maradona hit a free kick to Andrea Carnevale who knocked the ball home.

Half an hour later Careca scored his first goal after a fumble in the goalmouth and just before the interval he put the southern club 3-0 ahead with a

finely-angled shot. Juventus fought back in the second half and were rewarded in the 48th minute with a goal from defender Roberto Galia. Seven minutes later Zavarov proved his worth with a roaring shot from a pass by midfielder Luigi de Agostini.

But Napoli would not be subdued and five minutes later Careca completed his hat-trick after a pass from Massimo Crippa.

De Agostini scored Juventus' third from the penalty spot in the 78th minute after Danish international Michael Laudrup was brought down. Three minutes from time Carnevale suffered the same fate as Laudrup and Alessandro Renica put the penalty away for Napoli.

Results	
Como	1 Inter
Juventus	3 Napoli
Lazio	3 Verona
Lecco	1 AC
Milan	1 Atalanta
Pesara	2 Torino
Pisa	0 Fiorentina
Sampdoria	4 Bologna



● The Messilah Beach Moguls raft racing team which took part in the 17th Dubai Raft Race recently. The team, which could not win the race, was the only foreign competitor in the event. Because of Moguls' participation in this race, it is likely that the Dubai Raft Race, the winners in Dubai, may now take part in the 3rd Kuwait Raft Race to be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel next year.

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